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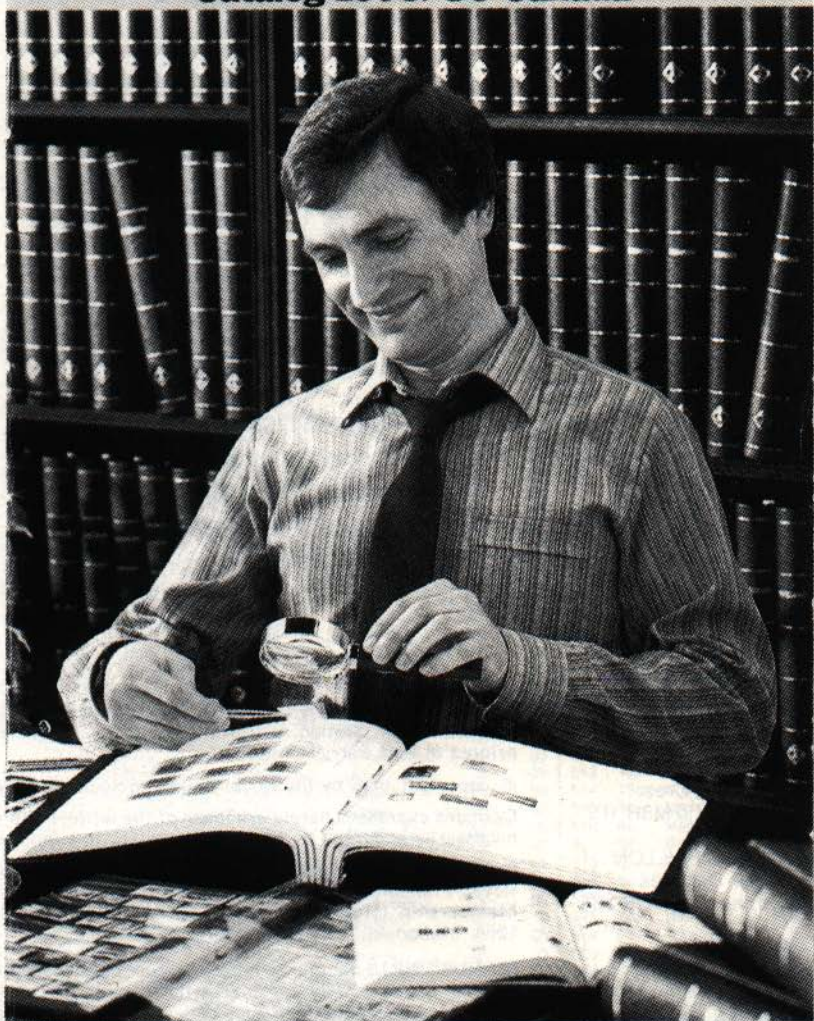
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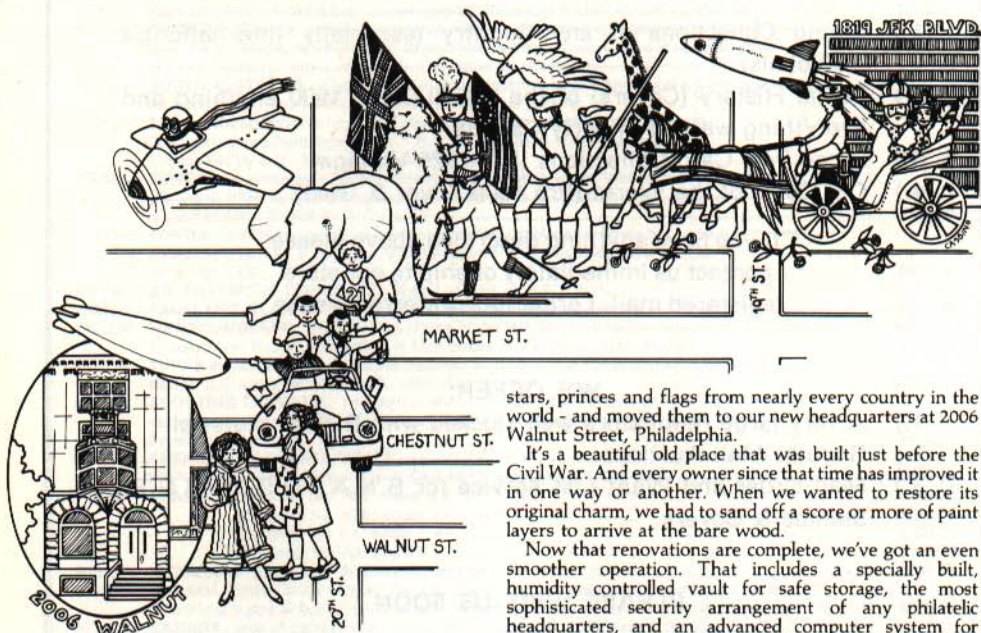
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# THOUGHTS & THINGS

by Peter M. Mann

*Typographical, grammatical and other errors are inserted in the text of this journal at the discretion and pleasure of the editor.*

*Anonymous*

If you detected more than the usual number of errors in the last issue of *The Canadian Philatelist*, I can assure you that they were not there for my pleasure.

During the preparation of this journal, we use bus express service to send copy, proofs and the like, back and forth between Guelph and our printer in Port Perry. We do not trust Canada Post to get it to its destination in reasonable time. Bus express provides us with overnight service.

The sequence of events that take place before the journal is printed is this:

1. Copy prepared in Guelph is bus expressed to Port Perry for type setting.
2. Proofs are bus expressed from Port Perry to Guelph for proofreading and to be made into a mock up of the issue.
3. Corrected proofs and mock up are bus expressed to Port Perry.
4. The printer corrects the galleys and assembles the pages and bus expresses photocopies of the finished pages for final checking before printing.
5. Final corrections and minor changes to be made are done by telephone to the printer.

Up to the Jan.-Feb. issue, we have experienced only minor delays by using this system. Any major delays have usually been on my part, in not getting the original copy ready soon enough. In the case of the Jan.-Feb. issue, the bus company lost the photocopies of the final pages (step 4 above).

I did not know this and assumed that our printer had experienced difficulties in scheduling the job during the Christmas period, a natural assumption. He, in turn, thought that I was having the same dif-

ficulty but, after a week passed and he hadn't heard from me, he phoned about the delay. It was then that we learned that the bus company had lost (misplaced) the package.

To avoid further delay, I drove to Port Perry and "corrected" the final pages as best I could without having the corrected proofs or original copy to check against. They were somewhere between Port Perry and Guelph.

So, any errors in that issue are primarily due to that final step and were not put in at my pleasure.

The package of photocopies, etc. finally arrived in Guelph several days later. We have no idea as to where it had been and shall probably never know. What we do know is that we shall continue to use bus express. It is still faster than parcel post and cheaper than courier service.

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## ADDENDUM

In our survey of *The Canadian Philatelist* in the last issue, we omitted one name that should have been among those of the regular contributors to the journal.

We offer our apologies to Mr. Jacques J. Charron, of Longueuil, Québec, for leaving his name out. Mr. Charron has provided our members with an Index to *The Canadian Philatelist* every year since his first Index to Volume 11, 1960.

In the centre of this issue you will find his 20th Annual Index, the Index to Volume 30, 1979.

Thank you Mr. Charron.

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## ADDRESS CHANGES

Come now - you should know by now that editor has nothing to do with address changes. The Secretary handles that side of the CP business.

What is her address? you ask.

You can find it in two places in every issue. It is on the Contents page - lower left quadrant - Ms Roddie Gould. Next, turn to the Society Reports and find the heading for the address changes. There it is again.

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1974 25	—	26	—	1	15	11
1975 26	—	—	—	3	3	—
1976 27	6	1	11	12	9	10
1977 28	2	2	—	—	11	20
1978 29	1	20	40+	40+	40+	40+
1979 30	6	40+	—	40	40+	15

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**BUENOS AIRES '80**

The Federacion Argentina de Entidades Filatélicas is helping to celebrate the 400th anniversary of the founding of the city of Buenos Aires by mounting an international stamp exhibition, "Buenos Aires '80", October 24 - November 2. The show is under the patronage of the F.I.P.

The Canadian Commissioner for Buenos Aires '80 is Mr. Andrew Cronin, P.O. Box 5722, Station A, Toronto, Ont., M5W 1P2, from whom further information and entry forms may be obtained.

**ADDENDUM TO:**

1972 Canadian Definitive Series by John G. Schmidt. (Can. Phil. Vol. 30, No. 5, 1979).

page 292 - under "Fifteen cent Multi-coloured . . ." add:

- Type - II
- Paper type - Wove
- Fluorescence - HIB/HI (front/back)
- Plate Number - ?
- Perforations - 12.5 x 11.9
- Tagging - OP-2
- Band Width - 4mm

Only a single copy was examined, thanks to Mr. Michael Milos.

**CANADIANA ON STAMPS**

A recent issue (Nov. 12, 1979) of the Peoples Republic of China has added two more examples of Canadiana on foreign stamps.

On that day, the 40th anniversary of Dr. Norman Bethune's death, Red China issued:

8f depicting Dr. Bethune operating in the field and 70f depicting the monument to Dr. Bethune which stands in front of his tomb in the Martyr's Mausoleum at Shijiazhuang in Hebei Province.

The stamps were designed by Ren Yu, printed by multicolour photogravure in sheets of 50 and perfed 12.

**CANADA'S POSTAL SERVICE TODAY**

Our postal service is certainly not very consistent these days. Several examples taken from mail received here will serve to illustrate this inconsistency.

A letter from Burlington, Ont., mailed early in December, took 6 days to go a road distance of 25-30 miles. A piece of printed matter, air mailed from New Zealand at about the same time, took only 5 days to arrive. The there was the magazine, sent by first class post from Toronto which took 16 days to travel no more than 70 miles.

Canada Post excelled when it finally delivered the OMPA News, 53 days after it had been posted in Penticton, B.C. (It must have been carried by hand across the country.)

*(Continued on page 131)*

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# Letters to the Editor

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## Postmarks: A Request for Help

For the past four years a friend and I have been engaged in researching and writing the history of Ignace, Ontario. The resulting book **Ignace: A Saga of the Shield** was released this past summer by Prairie Publishing of Winnipeg.

At least twelve post offices have been in existence in the Ignace area, as well as the Railway Post Office of the Canadian Railway. Of these, only the Ignace Post Office has survived. I found the records concerning these post offices particularly fascinating, indeed extremely helpful in establishing dates.

As an amateur stamp collector, I would be interested in finding out how many of the dozen post marks mentioned have survived, and also in having tracings of these post marks. However I cannot go to the National Postal Museum in Ottawa to use the **Proofbooks** housed there and the Postal Museum staff is unable to search their records for postmarks.

Would any of your members be willing to look up these post marks for me? I hope to write another article for the Ignace newspaper **driftwood** in an attempt to find existing post marks. The relevant post offices are:

Bonheur 1897-1921, 1927-28  
 Clarkdon 1948-69  
 English River 1879-81  
 North East Bay 1910-11  
 O'Brien 1909-12  
 Osaquan 1923-35  
 St. Anthony Mine 1912-25, 1936-42  
 Sawbill Lake Mine 1897-1901  
 Sturgeon Lake 1909-16  
 Taché 1890-1918  
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## Canada Post Opinion Poll

### — An Opinion

Regarding the "1979 Stamp Program Poll" as conducted by the Philatelic Service.

They want our opinion regarding the year's stamp program and it is my firm opinion that they should, at least, have supplied a prepaid card for this questionnaire.

I returned mine less postage plus a memo to them repeating the above.

C. W. Collins,  
 Vancouver, B.C.

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### \$1 Vancouver

In the May-June issue, Mr. Stuart A. Clark of Winnipeg enquired about the position, on the sheet No. 599a \$1 issue, of the "Man on the Mountain".

The variety is found on stamp No. 11 on the field stock sheets, as far as I know.

Gilles Catudal,  
 Aylmer, Ontario.

*See Jim Watt's article on the \$1 Vancouver in this issue for this and other varieties.*

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### Answers were forthcoming

Many thanks to all my fellow members who went to work to identify the town cancel on the P.O.W. cover (Orange River Colony to Bermuda, 25 March 1902) which I described in the Nov.-Dec. issue, page 345.

Thirteen letters and three phone calls came from six provinces. All identified it as BETHULIE. They consulted maps and postal guides, some sent diagrams and photocopies.

Plus another interesting reply from the Curator, Post Office Museum at Pretoria, R.S.A. He reported there was a concentration camp at Bethulie during the Boer War so it was likely the letter was written by a P.O.W. there to a P.O.W. friend at Darrel's Island in Bermuda.

Although peace was signed in May 1902 guerrilla fighting continued for some time. Robson Lowe reports about 5000 P.O.W.'s were sent to Bermuda and some remained up to four years. One can imagine a fate worse than existing at Line B Tent 6 on Darrell's Island.

Bethulie still exists, a town in Orange Free State province, 75 miles south of Bloemfontein on the north bank of the Orange River, with a population of 3500 white, coloured and Bantu, on the main railway to East London. My Nova Scotia correspondent visited there in 1977.

The settlement has had six names since establishment in 1829: Groot Moordenaar-spoot, Caledon, Verhuellpolis, Bethulia, Heidelberg, and Bethulie.

Who said postal history needs to be dull?

R. Gordon Harris,  
Kelowna, B.C.

This refers to the letter to the Postmaster General from Mr. D. F. Derrick, Coquitlam, B.C. which appeared on p.

211 in the July-August 1979 issue of the **Canadian Philatelist**.

It may interest Mr. Derrick and other readers that the following appeared in the 26 November 1979 edition of the **Bulletin** (which is distributed to all Canada post offices) - Volume 58, Number 48:

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I would like to commend Michael Milos on his article "Wanted - A Specialized Canadian Catalog" in the November-December issue of CP. British North America represents one of the most popular stamp collecting groups in the world. In all there must be hundreds of Catalogs and reference books relating to these stamps, many outstandingly excellent in their own way, but none that could class as "A Specialized Canadian Catalog" within the definition of Mr. Milos.

It is unreasonable to expect the average BNA collector to do his own research and sift through back issues of CP and other journals, catalogs and reference books. It is also agreed that you can never have a catalog that is **exactly** what **everybody** wants. But evidently Mr. Milos feels there is lots of room for improvement, and I heartily agree with him.

The catalog publishers must make a profit (or else we won't have anything at all!), and they are naturally hesitant about putting in the extra effort and expense to expand their listings to please perhaps only 20% of their readers.

This is not a one-person job. I think the only way we can possibly hope to have an adequate catalog in a reasonable time is for the national society, the RPSC, to sponsor or possibly co-sponsor one with BNAPS. I have a lot of other ideas on this subject, but there is not room to expound on them in a short letter. Perhaps my publishing experience might also be helpful.

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What do the other members think about this?

Can we start soon?

Dr. Sidney V. Soanes  
Toronto, Ont.

### Additional Comment

I thoroughly agree with your comment that we need a good specialized catalogue for Canada, B.N.A., and note the article in the current C.P. (Can. Phil., vol. 30, No. 6, 357-360, 1979). I am sure that it is possible and would find willing contributors.

C. F. Black,  
Charlottetown, P.E.I.

I was just going through "Thoughts and Things" in the Sept-Oct. '79 issue of the CP and the first note was about an absence of a good specialized Canadian catalog. That brought to mind a short article in the Canadian Forces Philatelic Society's "Bulletin" about Mr. Maresch and a member of CFPS. It went — "Member in Toronto confronted CSC publisher Maresch last winter about the lack of effort going into his catalog. Said Maresch: "For \$2 you expect a \$10 handbook?" Or something to that effect.

It seems to me that Maresch has a pretty poor idea about a specialized catalog . . . all he seems to do is despecialize the catalog instead of adding more varieties, etc. The latest issue is at \$4.00. At this price he should start deleting the "stars, circles and squiggly lines" with the varieties.

What do those who specialize in Canada think? If we could persuade one of the companies to do something, maybe we could get a decent catalogue on the market.

Peter Ware,  
Victoria, B.C.

*The above was extracted from a letter to President Fred Stulberg whose reply, in part, is given below.*

Dear Mr. Ware,

I would like to point out that the problems of publishing a catalogue on a regular basis are monumental. Ignoring



the plethora of stamps issued and the ever changing prices in a volatile market, the actual physical aspect of producing a publication and keeping it at a reasonable price is a real challenge.

This can easily be realized when we see that almost all "specialized" catalogues dealing with Canadian stamps have fallen by the wayside over the period of years. The first, and probably the most successful was 'Holmes'. However, it ceased publication several years ago because of escalating costs and the time required by the editors to keep it updated. In other words, it just became uneconomical to continue with it. I fear that 'Hansen's' fine effort suffered the same fate for the same reason. Both these publications were truly specialized but both sold for over \$10.00.

There is little doubt that 'Canada Specialized' is a compromise - but a good one. It will certainly not fill all the needs of a highly specialized collector but will certainly fill the needs of most collectors of Canadian Stamps. Certainly, it is more comprehensive than any other similar Canadian publication.

Fred Stulberg

#### POSTAL HISTORY - LONDON 1980

On behalf of the Postal History Society of Canada, I have been engaged in the ongoing conflict with the Federation Internationale de Philatélie (F.I.P.) concerning their endorsement of the attempt to destroy postal history as a separate exhibiting class as established at CAPEX 1978.

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be exhibited and judged separately and be established as the equal of traditional philately, aerophilately and at least to thematics.

Below you will find the contents of a letter received by me from Kenneth Rowe, one of our members (also R.P.S.C. Director, Ed.). I urge our members to support this protest by writing to Dr. F. G. Stulberg, 15 Westgate Cresc., Downsview, Ont., M3H 1P7, who will pass your protests to the F.I.P. liaison officer of the R.P.S.C.

Allan L. Steinhart, President,  
The Postal History Society of  
Canada

Dear Mr. Steinhart,

In September it was learned that the Organizing Committee of London 1980 had decided not to have the Postal History exhibits grouped together but to spread them throughout the various geographical divisions of traditional philately.

To clarify this fact the President of the Royal Philatelic Society of Canada, Dr. Frederick Stulberg, who is also the Canadian Commissioner for London 1980, wrote to the Chairman of the London 1980 Philatelic Committee on September 27th and received a reply confirming that this was true and adding that Postal History exhibits might be judged by non-postal historians.

As this seemed to be a departure from the F.I.P. Special Regulations for Postal History Collections, as approved by the 1976 Congress, and of importance to both postal historians and future organizing committees, the Executive Secretary of the Toronto Association of Philatelic Exhibitions (CAPEX 78), requested a ruling from Dr. J. Stibbe the President of F.I.P.

Dr. Stibbe's reply of November 20th 1979 confirms that an organizing committee need not group Postal History separately and classes it on the same level as postal stationery!

I am sure that I do not have to say to you that this decision is a step backwards in time and is a significant ruling that downgrades the status of Postal History to be of lesser importance than Aerophilately or Thematics.



One might well ask what good is an F.I.P. regulation when it can be ignored or sidestepped in this way? The fact that London has entered the Postal History exhibits under their classification "C7" is merely paying lip service to the rules if they are not exhibited or judged separately. I do not think that this was what any of us had in mind when we campaigned for the separate classification.

I enclose copies of the correspondence referred to above for your information and I suggest that all interested postal historians write to their national society to object to this ruling.

Kenneth Rowe,  
Secretary,  
International Postal History  
Federation.

#### Invest in stamps?

A comparison of earlier and recent catalogues makes interesting fare for comment. More especially so in regard to continuing statements made to encourage the idea of "investing" in stamps.

Don't misunderstand me! I believe that stamp collecting is a wonderful hobby and just about the best from the standpoint of relaxation and enjoyment. But, just for fun, I had a look at the Bileski Plate Block Catalogue No. 7 of 1969 and noted a few interesting items with respect to Scott's No. 246, No. 247, and No. 248. A comparison was then made with the recent Canada Specialized Catalogue 1980 for the same items. The results were amazing.

Regarding No. 246, blocks of Plates No.s 1-1, 1-2, 2-1, 2-2, 3-1, 3-2, 3-3, 3-4, 4-1, 4-2, 4-3, 4-4 are all cheaper now than they were in 1969.

In respect of No. 247, all listed plate blocks again are cheaper now than in the 1969 Bileski.

Relating to No. 248, of all the listed plate blocks, it is only Plate 5-2 and 5-4 which show equal or increased valuations.

One presumes in a catalogue that there are certain standards of quality associated with the values attributed. However, this must be a matter of individual choice. At the time, and with the volume of material

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available then, Bileski could not have listed anything in this series but centred, mint, never hinged material.

Canada Specialized has a quality bonus panel in the 1980 issue over the items from No. 141 to No. 262 in the plate block section, which must imply therefore that all listings presented and values attributed for the numbers 141 to 262 inclusive are for average, run-of-the-mill, off centred, hinged plate blocks.

Given the scarce nature of these items (246-8) in plate block form, (try picking them up at your friendly local stamp dealer) coupled with the fact that they are forty years old, certainly must substantiate the case being made so often of "investing" in stamps as contrasted to collecting.

When an item (No. 246 Plate 3-1 UL) mint, fine, NH, in 1969 (Bileski) was valued \$1.50 and now is valued (CS, centred, NH, with 100% bonus) \$2.00, one can come to one's own conclusion easily that stamp collecting is a good investment. A 25% increase in valuation over ten years is a definite hedge against inflation and increased costs of living.

Krugerrands anyone?

Donald L. Rife  
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# Le Fezzan-Ghadamès sous l'Occupation Française

suite et fin

par Vincent J. Barone

La fin de la Seconde Guerre Mondiale en 1945 ne mit pas fin à l'occupation française du Fezzan et du sud tripolitain. Il fallait attendre le Traité de Paix signé à Paris en 1947 pour avoir une décision sur ce territoire. Pourtant les Français étaient obligés de ne pas traiter leur part de la Libye occupée comme une annexion à l'Algérie Française.

Postalement les Français démontrèrent cette séparation avec une série de timbres émise le 29 octobre 1946, pour les territoires combinés du Fezzan et de la région tripolitaine de Ghadamès, mais toujours en monnaie algérienne. L'illustration 8 montre les trois vignettes des quinze valeurs émises, et dont l'inscription annonçait que le "Fezzan-Ghadamès" était un "Territoire Militaire." Les thèmes, eux-aussi, étaient militaires: deux forts sahariens et un soldat. Sur la troisième vignette il y a même une carte où les limites du territoire sont dessinées, et où il semble que la région de Ghât fasse déjà part de l'Algérie . . . sans doute une erreur. N'oublions pas non plus que l'emblème de la République Française, "R.F.," est présent dans toutes les vignettes, du même qu'il se trouvait dans toutes les émissions pour les colonies et les territoires français.

Quand la conférence pour le Traité de Paix se réunit à Paris, il devint immédiatement évident que la disposition des colonies italiennes allait être le plus grand de tous les obstacles. Les problèmes politiques d'après-guerre, résultant de la concurrence entre l'U.R.S.S. et les Pouvoirs Occidentaux, empêchèrent une résolution, et les colonies



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Illustration 8





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Illustration 10

italiennes restèrent sous l'occupation anglo-française en attendant qu'un comité spécial de l'O.N.U. eût pu trouver une solution. Cependant, la Libye n'étant plus une colonie italienne (l'Italie ayant dû renoncer à toutes ses colonies dans le Traité de Paix), le Fezzan-Ghadamès passa de la condition d'Occupation à celle de Territoire sous tutelle.

Ainsi le 1<sup>er</sup> mars 1948 les Français émirèrent une autre série pour leur partie de la Libye, cette fois des timbres de poste aérienne (Illustration 9), plus utiles dans ce vaste espace. Il est intéressant de noter que cette fois l'inscription manque le "Ghadamès" de l'ancienne série, malgré que ces timbres servaient aussi dans le sud tripolitain. (En effet, la plupart des cachets d'oblitération pour Ghadamès sont inscrits: GHADAMES / SUD TRIPOLITAIN.) Comme pour rectifier une lacune, l'année suivante, et précisément le 1<sup>er</sup> juillet 1949, on émit pour le Ghadamès sa propre série. Elle fut double: huit valeurs de poste ordinaire et deux de poste aérienne, mais une seule vignette, la "Croix d'Agadem" (Illustration 10). Comprenons, néanmoins, que pendant toute la période de la présence française, les timbres inscrits seulement "Fezzan" servaient aussi à Ghadamès. L'on se demande pourquoi donc cette série à part?

Nous ne pouvons avancer que des hypothèses. Soyons charitables et ne disons pas que c'étaient des émissions purement phi-

lateliques. Il est possible que les Français aient voulu faire noter leur présence en Tripolitaine côte à côte des Anglais et, comme possesseurs, faire valoir leur rôle dans les négociations sur la disposition de la Tripolitaine, dont les frontières touchaient et la Tunisie et l'Algérie. Le cachet d'oblitération connu inscrit "Ghadamès/Fezzan" est l'exception: la plupart des cachets identifient Ghadamès dans le Sud Tripolitain. Quelle que soit la véritable raison pour l'émission de Ghadamès, ces timbres furent les seuls émis pour cette région, et coexistèrent avec les timbres inscrits "Fezzan" qui ne cessèrent jamais d'y être employés. Deux mois plus tard, en effet, une nouvelle émission pour le Fezzan apparût, et sembla la "jumelle" de celle de Ghadamès. L'émission du Fezzan (Illustration 2) était presque commémorative en sa nature, car on y voit illustré le défunt Colonna d'Ornano, mort à Mourzouk en 1941, et Leclerc lui-même et sa fameuse "marche au Rhin" à travers le Fezzan-Ghadamès.

Nous pouvons pourtant dire avec certitude que les Français avaient bien l'intention de rester en Libye occidentale aussi longtemps que possible, car les colonies italiennes n'étaient pas les seules à causer des problèmes après la guerre. Les colonies françaises commençaient à pousser les premières brindilles vers le soleil de l'indépendance. Le Fezzan-Ghadamès gardait pour les Français le flanc oriental de l'Algérie ainsi que celui de la Tunisie. En Al-





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Illustration 11



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Illustration 12

gérie surtout les rebelles se servaient des anciennes routes de caravane qui sortaient du Sahara et débouchaient sur la côte méditerranéenne, pour importer des armes. Certaines de ces routes passaient directement à travers le Fezzan (tout comme la route qu'eut employé Leclerc lui-même!). Les Français considéraient le sud-ouest libyen vital à leur défense de l'Afrique septentrionale française. Ils étaient donc là, et allaient y rester. Le 20 août 1950 ils émirent deux timbres au profit des oeuvres de bienfaisance, et le 1<sup>er</sup> octobre 1950 cinq valeurs de timbres-taxe (Illustration 11).

Tout d'abord on est frappé par la nouvelle inscription qui orne ces timbres-ci: "Territoire du Fezzan" —le mot "Militaire" n'est plus inclus. Qu'est-ce qui arriva? C'était le résultat du Traité de Paix: l'administration eut passé, nominalement, aux civils. D'ailleurs, le mouvement pour l'unité et l'indépendance de la Libye devenait une force que l'O.N.U. ne pouvait plus ignorer. En septembre 1949, par exemple, seuls les Français s'opposaient à une résolution qui aurait créé un royaume en Libye. Deux mois après, en novembre, l'Assemblée Générale de l'O.N.U. résolut que la Libye dût être indépendante, sous le roi Idris de la Cyrénaïque. Chacune des trois parts de la Libye devait être préparé pour la fédération qui allait avoir lieu avant 1952. Les Français se mirent à apaiser la

critique: toutes les émissions du Fezzan après l'an 1949 manquent les symboles de l'occupation . . . ont l'air, en effet, des émissions d'un pays autonome.

En plus, obéissant à la lettre sinon à l'esprit de la résolution, les Français organisèrent une assemblée de représentants pour le Fezzan en février 1950. On élut Ahmed Bey Seif el Nasr (voir Illustration 12) "chef" du territoire, dont la population était calculée à 50.000. Il est vrai, pourtant, que les Français ne lui donnèrent que des pouvoirs administratifs, gardant pour le Résident Français les pouvoirs exécutifs. (Ahmed Bey, comme le roi Idris el-Senussi, était un des vieux chefs qui ont combattu contre l'occupation italienne après la conquête de 1912.) Pour compléter l'oeuvre, les Français émirent deux dernières séries le 25 juin 1951, à peine cinq mois avant l'indépendance du Royaume Fédéré de Libye: une série de deux valeurs de poste aérienne et douze valeurs de poste ordinaire (Illustration 12). Le plus intrigant est qu'il n'y a plus dans la vignette l'emblème "R.F.," ce qui sembla ainsi reconnaître l'autonomie du Fezzan.

Le 24 décembre 1951, la France et la Grande Bretagne rendirent officiellement tous leurs pouvoirs au nouveau gouvernement du Royaume de Libye. Des timbres de Cyrénaïque furent surchargés pour chacune des trois régions (Illustration 13) où une



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Illustration 13

Table III. Chronologie &amp; Résumé des émissions du Fezzan-Ghadamès

Date D'Émission	Émission	Surcharge ou Inscription	CATALOGUES			Période
			Scott	Yvert	Gibbons	
13-V-1943	1 <sup>ère</sup> émission provisoire (timbres de Libye et d'Italie surchargés à Alger)	FEZZAN OCCUPATION FRANÇAISE	—	1 à 10; p.a. 1 à 2; taxes 1 à 5	1 à 12  D1 à D5	Occupation de Guerre
9-VI-1943	2 <sup>e</sup> émis. provisoire (surcharge locale)	R. F. FEZZAN	—	18 à 19, 21 à 27; p.a. 3	13 à 22	
29-X-1946	poste ordinaire: Sebha, Mourzouk, Légionnaire	TERRITOIRE MILITAIRE DU FEZZAN-GHAD- AMÉS/R.F.	N1 à N5	28 à 42	23 à 27	Territoire sous tutelle
1-III-1948	poste aérienne	-idem-	2NC1 à 2NC2	p.a. 4 à 5	38 à 39	
12-IV-1949	Croix d'Agadem	GHADAMÈS TERRITOIRE MILITAIRE/RF	3N1 à 3N8; 3NC1 à 3NC2	1 à 8 p.a. 1 à 2	1 à 10	
1-VII-1949	poste ordinaire: Djerma, Gorda, Beni-Khettab, D'Ornano, Leclerc	FEZZAN TERRITOIRE MILITAIRE/RF	2N1 à 2N11	43 à 53	40 à 50	
2-VIII-1950	Oeuvres de Bienfaisance	TERRITOIRE DU FEZZAN/ RF	2NB1 à 2NB2	54 à 55	51 à 52	Administration civile Autonome
1-X-1950	timbres-taxe (Brak)	-idem-	2NJ1 à 2NJ5	taxes 6 à 11	D6 à D11	
2-VI-1951	poste ordinaire: élevage, agriculture, forage, Bey Ahmed	TERRITOIRE DU FEZZAN	2N12 à 2N23	56 à 67	53 à 64	
	poste aérienne: Brak & Sebha	-idem-	2NC3 à 2NC 4	p.a. 6 à 7	65 à 66	
24-XII-1951	p.o. de Cyrénaïque	(-) FRANCS LIBYA	112 à 121	116 à 125	140 à 149	Royaume de Libye





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**Illustration 14**

monnaie différente exigeait ces nouvelles valeurs: "Libya" pour la Cyrénaïque; "Libya" plus les nouvelles valeurs en M.A.L. (= military authority liras) pour la Tripolitaine; et "Libya" plus les valeurs en francs pour le Fezzan. Ces timbres surchargés furent employés jusqu'au 14 avril 1952 comme émissions provisoires en attendant l'émission officielle du royaume uni. Les timbres de l'occupation (puis administration) française ont cessé d'avoir validité postale le 15 mars 1952, la date officielle du départ nominal des troupes françaises. Le 15 avril 1952 les premiers timbres du Royaume Libyen furent émis (Illustration 14), et naturellement servirent dans toute la nation y inclus le Fezzan.

Comment se fait-il que les Français donèrent leur accord à la naissance de la Libye, indépendante? Il était clair que le Fezzan continuait à être important à cause des développements d'indépendance en Algérie et en Tunisie. Ne pouvant plus s'opposer à l'opinion publique mondiale, les Français trouvèrent la solution à leur problème dans une entente cordiale avec le gouvernement du roi Idris. En échange de l'appui français à l'O.N.U., les Français eurent le droit d'avoir une garnison dans le Fezzan. En plus, la France participa avec l'Italie et la Grande Bretagne au maintien économique du nouveau pays.

Ainsi des troupes françaises restèrent dans le Fezzan. La situation en Tunisie et en Algérie se transforma en guerre, comme nous le savons. Ce ne fut que le 30 novembre 1956 que le dernier soldat français quitta le Fezzan, un Fezzan dépourvu de timbres particuliers mais enfin une partie intégrale d'une nation vraiment autonome. La longue odyssée historico-philatelic d'un coin du désert finit... et le Fezzan se rendit à la tranquillité sauvage des siècles.

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# The One Dollar Vancouver 1972 - 1979

## A Study of the Varieties

by Jim Watt



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Fig. 1. Stamp 22, Sc. 600, plate 1.



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Plate 2, Sc. 599.

The stamps of this issue were printed from two plates. Plate 1 stamps (Sc. 600) were issued on March 17, 1972, and the Plate 2 stamps (Sc. 599) were issued nineteen months later on October 23, 1973.

The Plate 1 stamps had a greenish tinge to the rocks in the foreground and were perforated 11. Plate 2 stamps, on the other hand, are recognizable by the brownish tinge to the rocks in the foreground.

Plate 2 had the longer life of the two plates\* and came out with two different perforations. Initially it was perf. 12 $\frac{1}{2}$  x 12 and then, in 1977, it was changed to the new perf. 13 gauge. Plate 1 was untagged while Plate 2 had the Ottawa general tagging.

I shall now discuss the varieties of this issue in some detail. Plate 1 had the well-known 'Short Shaft error' in the dollar sign (Fig. 1) in positions 21, 22, 23, and 24, in the sheet. Position 22 also had a period after the 's' of Postes.

I have a block bearing the selvage at the left showing stamp 22 without the period

after Postes and yet it has the Short-Shaft error in the dollar sign. This is evidence that the 'Dot After Postes' appeared after the Short Shaft error had occurred. Presumably, my block came from the initial printing run which, perhaps, was only a few hundred sheets. Anyhow, it has so far proven to be quite elusive.

The Plate 1 dollar stamp also occurs on ribbed paper as, of course, do both of the varieties mentioned above. No stamp from position 22 has ever been found on ribbed paper without the Dot after Postes. I would be very interested in hearing if any of these come to light.

Plate 2 was clearly printed in a different manner than plate 1. Indeed, some knowledgeable philatelists currently believe that a plate held six different panes. I personally do not subscribe to that theory, at least not for plate 2.

There are three different sheets of the second plate, each having its own separate varieties. I have noticed that these sheets occur repetitively as 1,2,3,1,2,3,1,2,3, . . .





Fig. 2



Fig. 3



Fig. 4



Fig. 5



Fig. 6



Fig. 7



Fig. 8

in a pad of 50 sheets. Thus, I believe that they were probably printed on a roller type of plate, with three different sheets on the roller, such as was used for the Capex '78 stamps. All sheets were inscribed Plate 2 in the corners, thus giving possibly twelve different plate blocks. As these sheets probably came from a roller, it does not really matter which sheet is identified as Sheet 1. I have arbitrarily selected one as sheet 1 and the next two sheets, that follow it immediately in a post office pad, as sheets 2 and 3 respectively.

**Sheet 1** - position 3: dot in the corner of the '1' (Fig. 2), occurs in both perf. 12 $\frac{1}{2}$  x 12 and 13.

**Sheet 2** - position 17: dot near '1', close to perfs at right (Fig. 3). This is found in both perforations. It gradually disappears to a very faint mark on late printings of the perf. 13 sheets.

- position 17: There is a dot in the sky just above the right side of the valley on the mountain (Fig. 4). This occurs in the later printings of perf. 13 sheets only.

**Sheet 3** - position 12: Colon variety (Fig. 5)

- position 17: Dot in the sky (Fig. 6) (further to the right than the dot over the valley).

It appears that both of these sheet 3 varieties were prominent in 1977 and in the first part of 1978. I do not know if they are on perf. 12 $\frac{1}{2}$  x 12, but I do know that they both disappeared later. Thus, I had to search for another sheet 3 indicator.

I found one on stamp 16, a tiny blob on the mountain at the left (Fig. 7). This is not the "Man on the Mountain" variety (Fig. 8) but it is good enough for a sheet 3 indicator.

Note how the "blob on the mountain" occurs to the right of the first crevice, whereas the "man on the mountain" occurs much closer to the left edge of the mountain.

I have definitely determined the "man on the mountain" variety to be sheet 1, position 11. It occurred only in the later printings of perf. 13 sheets. To indicate the approximate period, I cannot find this variety on a large multiple block of sheet 1 which I obtained in the summer of 1978. Thus, this variety has occurred only very recently and should not exist perf. 12 $\frac{1}{2}$  x 12. However, the sheet 3 indicator, or "blob on the mountain" variety, may well exist on the earlier perforation. I cannot

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## Interesting Pages of Cuban Postal Mail History

### The New Orleans Mail

by J. L. Guerra Aguiar, Director,  
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**Letter from New Orleans to Santiago de Cuba, 1773.**  
**Note the very scarce postal mark "YNDIAS"**  
**applied on arrival in Santiago de Cuba.**

Around the middle of the 18th century, the territory that was formed by the present states of the United States of America near the Mississippi River included a large tract of land under French domination. Following its discovery in 1682 by the French explorer René Robert Cavalier, sieur de la Salle, France claimed title to the lands and La Salle himself named it Louisiana in honor of Louis XIV, King of France.

The struggle in that period between the great powers, France, England and Spain resulted in armed conflicts at different times among all of them or between alliances formed by two of them against the

third. One of these confrontations was the war between England and France that began in 1756 and in which Spain became involved because of the Third Family Pact.

On January 2, 1762, England declared war on Spain and, after several incidents, began an armed action against Cuba. A naval squadron, led by Admiral Pocock, appeared off the coast at Havana and occupied the city and the coastal areas on either side of it on August 12, 1762. At the same time military operations were begun in the Philippine Islands and elsewhere. However, it is unnecessary to explain these fully since that is not the purpose of this article.





Charles III (left) King of Spain in 1764. Geronimo de Grimaldi (right), State Secretary of Spain and chief proponent of the Maritime Mails.

The balance that existed between the warring forces originated on February 10, 1763 when Spain, France, England and the Kingdom of Portugal, seeking a definitive peace, reached an understanding. They all signed an agreement which established the limits of the disputed territories and returned to each all the areas that were occupied during the war period without regard to the amount of blood shed or the human lives sacrificed in this unnecessary fighting.

Havana and the island of Cuba, therefore, passed back to Spanish control. However, in November 1762, the territory of Louisiana had been transferred to Spain by a secret treaty which anticipated the signing of the peace agreement. The Spanish Metropolis designated Navy Colonel Don Antonio de Ulloa as the first governor of the territory, now named the Mississippi Territory.

Within this situation created by the ambitious colonial powers, was the Spanish project for the establishment of a Maritime Mail Service. This was to be a regular sailing line that would provide closer contact between Spain and its overseas possessions. Until this was established, communications were carried on in an irregular and isolated way by naval galleons.

When this Maritime Mail Service was created in 1764, its organization included the different local mails that existed in the several Spanish possessions. José Antonio

de Armona was designated Post Office General Administrator with his office in Havana.

This Post Office General Administration looked after the New Spain Viceroyship (present day Mexico), Tierra Firme (now Central America), Porto Belo (Panama

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**en nombre de l<sup>a</sup> R<sup>ta</sup> como su**  
**ADMINISTRADOR**

Front page of the accounts book of Jose Antonio de Armona y Murga, General Postmaster in Havana.



Maleta	2	Das maletas nuevas, con sus candados, cadenas y llaves duplicadas en las Administraciones de tierra, adentro doscientos treinta y dos reales	2232.
Sello	3	Un sello de Bronce con la inscripcion: Havana treinta y siete Diez sellos de Bronce que tuvieron de España para el uso de este oficio, con las inscripciones: España Indias Islas y ron del Cargo de esta Administracion	2052.
Maraca	3	Una Romana pequeña, que para el servicio de esta Administracion se sacó del laquebot el Colon, y se le abono en su inventario de letrados, cuyo valor se considera de treinta y dos reales y se le pone a cargo de este oficio	2050.
Libro	1	Un libro en quadernado en pasta blanca à la veneciana, de papel Imperial de marquilla, con fomas que sirve para el Cargo General de salones de la Administracion tubo diez reales de esta que hacen ochenta reales	2050.
Libro	2	Dos libros mas pequeños con la misma enquadernacion de papel de Holanda, y fomas cada uno, que sirven el uno	

Page of the inventory of the Havana Postmaster General recording the delivery of the postal marks "ESPANA", "INDIAS" and "ISLAS DE BARLOVENTO" to the New Orleans Postmaster.

AB <sup>no</sup> Toranzo Corral, oficial quinto al de 2000.	166
AB <sup>no</sup> Bernardo Diaz, more 2000 y su sueldo.	166
mas en el mismo tiempo	166
<u>Justo Extraordinario</u>	
AB <sup>no</sup> Cayetano Badan, AB <sup>no</sup> del Administrador p. <sup>o</sup> sus quatro meses de sueldo devengado desde 15 de Mayo de el año ant. <sup>o</sup> que se embarcó en Cadix, 18 <sup>o</sup> de mayo de Certificacion de D <sup>o</sup> Juan Antonio de la Cruz, teniente de Abate de este, a tasa de 1200 p. <sup>o</sup> al año	3200
El mismo D <sup>o</sup> Cascano, se le subministraba de D <sup>o</sup> orden de los Señores Adm <sup>o</sup> Sm <sup>o</sup> para los primeros meses que se le puden operar en el nuevo arrablecimiento de Correo, que ha à comenzar en dicho terminacion, segun consta de un convenio 600 p. <sup>o</sup>	4800
	8000
<u>Correos Extraordinarios</u>	
en 9 de Mayo, supachado en Correo de Sta. Trinitad, en Atacame de la Solera de	

Page of Armona's account book noting payment of salary to Cayetano Badan, Postmaster of the Mississippi Territory.


today) and Cartagena de Indias (in Colombia) and included the above mentioned Mississippi Territory that depended also upon the Havana General Post Office.

According to the notes found in the accounting book of the first Post Office Administrator, José Antonio de Armona, Cayetano Badán was named administrator of that territory with an annual salary of

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1200 pesos. He was supplied with post-marking devices with the names "España" (Spain) and "Islas de Barlovento" (Barlovento Islands). These postmarks had been established in all of the Spanish colonies and in the Metropolis when the Maritime Post Service began.

Badán was the post office administrator until August 1768 when he was replaced by Gregorio Sotilla, who performed that duty until December 1769. His successor, José de Villabaso, took over as administrator in January 1770.

These are all the facts that could be obtained from José Antonio de Armona's accounts book. The names of the post office administrators who succeeded José de Villabaso, during the period in which the Mississippi Territory was under Spanish rule, are unknown.

According to the in-out register books kept in the Havana National Archives, other than the extraordinary mails that were dispatched, the mail line from Cuba to the Mississippi Territory depended upon two small vessels that made regular round trips. It is interesting to note how the Spanish humour is expressed in the vessels' names, "La Liebre" (The Hare) and "La

Galga" (The Greyhound Bitch), meaning that one runs behind the other.

The only known cover from that period (1783) was sent from New Orleans to Juan Bautista Vaillant, at that time Governor of Santiago de Cuba. It is the most appreciated one in the Cuban Postal Museum because it is the only letter of that kind known today (1).

In 1800, by another secret agreement, Spain returned the Mississippi Territory to France. Then, in 1802, Emperor Napoleon Bonaparte, who had lost interest in his possessions in America because of his defeat in Haiti, and with the purpose of raising funds for his military campaigns in Europe, sold those great land extensions to the United States of America that, in its expansion and domination plans in North America, did not lose the opportunity to obtain, at a low cost, that great region with the inexhaustible natural resources it had.

(1) After this article was written I have seen in the catalogue of CAPEX 78 (page 123) the photo of a similar cover but addressed to Bordeaux (France). (Author note).

### One Dollar Vancouver (continued from p. 91)

be certain since I was not searching for that one when the 12 $\frac{1}{2}$  x 12 perforation was current.

In conclusion, there are three distinct sheets of plate 2 of the one dollar Vancouver definitive stamp, each with its own distinctive varieties. Whether or not these came from a plate of six panes (three

panes reproduced twice), or from a roller with three panes on it, remains to be determined.

\* *Ed. note. The \$1 Vancouver (Pl. 2) is still being sold at post office wickets at this time, (Feb. 1980).*

### Letters (continued from p. 83)

received a larger number than ever before, of requests for exchanges. One lot of six came from 13 - 16 year old boys and girls in Hussein Day, Algeria, (it looks like a school project). Their letters are in French.

Another lot of seven are from Mexico, Chile, Argentina, Neth. Antilles and the U.S.A. and correspond in English or Spanish.

If we were to publish all of these names, addresses and requirements, we would start to look like an exchange club

magazine. If any of our members are interested in corresponding with these unlisted people, drop a line to the editor, indicating the country interested in and appropriate information will be sent in return.

## 52nd Annual Meeting See Coming Events



## COMING EVENTS

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**MARCH 7-8** — NIPEX '80, exhibition of the Niagara Philatelic Society at Stamford Presbyterian Church Hall, 3101 St. Paul St., Niagara Falls, Ont. Fri.: 12 noon - 8 p.m. Sat.: 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. Admission free. Information: Ed Yonelinas, Group 15, R.R. 1, Niagara-on-the-Lake, Ont. L0S 1J0.

**MARCH 8-9** — KAPEX '80, 24th Annual Exhibition and Bourse of the Kawartha Philatelic Society, Holiday Inn, Peterborough, Ont. Chairman: Dale Delamarter, 29 Springbrook Dr., Peterborough, Ont., K9J 1L3.

**MARCH 15** — OAKPEX '80, 6th annual exhibition and bourse of the Oakville Stamp Club at Trafalgar Hall, Trafalgar Rd. at Hwy. 5. 10 a.m. - 9 p.m. Admission free. Information from Chairmen: P.O. Box 524, Oakville, Ontario L6J 5B4.

**MARCH 22-23** — Spring Exhibition and Bourse of the Winnipeg Philatelic Society, La Verendrye Room, Fort Garry Hotel, Broadway Ave., in the heart of the city. Free admission. Information from P.O. Box 1425, Winnipeg, Man., R3C 2Z1.

**MARCH 28-29** — Annual Stamp Exhibition, Bourse and Banquet (29th) of the Nova Scotia Stamp Club, at the Lord Nelson Hotel, Halifax, N.S. Fri.: noon - 11 p.m., Sat.: 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Admission: Adults \$1, Children: free. Information from George MacKenzie, 5959 Spring Garden Rd., Apt. 504, Halifax, N.S. B3H 1Y5.

**MARCH 29** — GRAND DAY - GRVPA Exhibition of Champions, auction, sales circuits, seminars and draw. College Avenue Secondary School, Woodstock, Ont. 10 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. Information from M. Street, P.O. Box 230, Ancaster, Ont., L9G 3N6.

**MARCH 29** — OXPEX '80, 31st Annual Exhibition and Bourse of the Oxford

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Philatelic Society, College Avenue Secondary School, Woodstock, Ont. 10 A.M. - 5:30 p.m. Information from Wm. Koleszar, 11 East Park Drive, Woodstock, Ont., N4S 3M9.

**MARCH 29-30** — 37th Annual Exhibition and Bourse of the North Toronto Stamp Club at North Toronto Memorial Gardens, 180 Eglinton Ave., W., Toronto. Admission free, prizes for juniors and free stamp packets for all junior collectors. Information from Dave Smele, 39 Richview Rd., Apt. 505, Islington, Ont., M9A 4M7. (416-245-7611).

**APRIL 12** — 18th Annual Exhibition of the Barrie District Stamp Club at St. Georges Anglican Church Hall, Burton St., Barrie, Ontario.

**APRIL 18-20** — 17th Annual Lakeshore Stamp Club Exhibition in the Fairview Shopping Centre Auditorium, Pointe Claire, Québec (Montréal area). Boulevard St. Jean exit off Trans Canada Highway. Apr. 18: noon to 9:30 p.m., Apr. 19: 9:30 a.m. - 5 p.m., Apr. 20: 11 a.m. - 5 p.m. Admission and parking free.

**APRIL 19** — SARPHEX XXVII, International Stamp Show and Bourse of the Sarnia Stamp Club and the Port Huron-Sarnia Stamp Club, at the American Legion Charles Hammond Post No. 8, 1026 6th St., Port Huron, Michigan. 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. Admission free. Cachets. Information from Walter Gierman, 1514 Washington, Port Huron, MI 48060, U.S.A.

**APRIL 26** — Annual Exhibition, Bourse and Auction of the Fredericton District Stamp Club at Head Hall (Engineering Building), University of New Brunswick, Fredericton, N.B. 12 noon - 5 p.m. Admission free.

**APRIL 26 - 27** — Lakehead Stamp Club R.P.S.C. Chapter 33, 32nd Annual Exhibition, National Exhibition Centre, Confederation College Complex, Thunder Bay, Ont. Canada.



## COMING EVENTS

1980

**MAY 3-4** — ORAPEX '80, 19th Annual Exhibition and Bourse of the RA Stamp Club, at the RA Centre, 2451 Riverside Drive, Ottawa, Ont. K1H 7X7. Souvenir envelopes. Further information from Maj. George McManus, Orapex '80 Chairman, c/o RA Centre.

**MAY 6-14** — LONDON 1980, London International Stamp Exhibition, Earls Court exhibition centre, London, England. 4,000 frames, 200 trade stands. Information available from The Secretary, London 1980, P.O. Box 300, London WC2R 1AF, England.

Canadian Commissioner: Dr. Fred G. Stulberg, 577 Kingston Rd., Toronto, Ont., M4E 1R3.

**MAY 17** — LONPEX 88, Annual Exhibition, Bourse and Banquet of the London Philatelic Society in the Great Hall, St. Paul's Cathedral, Richmond St., at Queen's Ave., London, Ontario. Admission free.

**MAY 23-27** — JUPOSTEX - EINDHOVEN 1980, International Youth Stamp Exhibition in Eindhoven, Netherlands, sponsored by the Netherlands Federation of Stamp Collectors. Canadian Commissioner, Michael Madesker, c/o R. Madesker & Son Ltd., 565 Alness St., Downsview, Ontario, M3J 2T8.

**MAY 28 - JUNE 1** — CALTAPEX '80, Annual Exhibition, Bourse and Banquet of the Calgary Philatelic Society and the R.P.S.C. Annual Convention, at the Palliser Hotel, Calgary Alberta. Information from E. A. Harris, Show Chairman, P.O. Box 1478, Calgary, Alberta, T2P 2L6.

**MAY 31** — R.P.S.C. ANNUAL MEETING, 10 a.m. at the Palliser Hotel, Calgary, Alberta.

**MAY 31 - JUNE 1** — Exposition Philatélie de Sherbrooke, Québec, Exposition Provincial 1980, Palais des Sports, Sherbrooke, Québec. Information from Eric R. Trussler, R.R. 2, Lennoxville, Qué., J1M 2A3.

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**JUNE 13 - 22** — NORWEX 80, International Stamp Exhibition commemorating the 125th anniversary of Norwegian stamps. Norges Varemesse. Osla. Contact address: The General Secretariat, NORWEX 80, Postboks 1043 Sentrum, Oslo 1, Norway. Canadian Commissioner: Mr. A. Hinrichs, 80 Speers Road, Oakville, Ontario, L6K 2E3.

**JUNE 14-15** — VANPEX 1980, Exhibition and Bourse of the British Columbia Philatelic Society to celebrate their 60th Anniversary, Robson Square Media Centre, 800 Robson St., Vancouver, B.C. Admission: Adults \$1, Senior Citizens and Students (with student cards) 50¢. Prospectus from: Mr. Bill Carracher, Pres. BCPS, 744 West 69th Avenue, Vancouver, B.C. V6P 2W3.

**JUNE 20-22** — TOPEX '80, 31st Annual Convention of the American Topical Association, Holiday Inn (Downtown), Spring St., Portland, Maine. Host is the Maine Philatelic Society. Prospectus, bourse space, cacheted covers and advance registration packages (regular and deluxe) from: Earle Brooks, Sandy Point, Maine, 04972, U.S.A. Include a No. 10 SASE with request.

**JULY 4-6** — STAMPEX CANADA, 8th Annual Show and bourse at the Sheraton Centre, 123 Queen St. West, Toronto, Ont. (opposite City Hall Square). Entry forms available from: Exhibition Committee, Stampex Canada, 565 Alness St., Downsview, Ont. M3J 2T8.

**AUGUST 23-31** — ZEAPEX '80 AUCKLAND, New Zealand International Stamp Exhibition of the New Zealand Stamp Exhibition Inc., at Trillo's Downtown Convention Centre, Auckland, N.Z. Information from Zeapex '80 Auckland, P.O. Box 27339, Auckland 4, N.Z., or from Canadian Commissioner, J. N. Sissons, Suite 1-129, Royal York Hotel, 100 Front St. W., Toronto, Ontario M5J 1E3.

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# NEWS

## STOLEN



The major news concerning Canadian stamps has to be the theft of Canada Post's block of 25 of the "St. Lawrence Seaway Inscription Inverted" in the early hours of Saturday, January 26, 1980.

The block was on display at the second annual Salon de la Philatélie in the downtown shopping mall, Place Desjardins, Montréal.

Private security guards reported that two hooded men, one of whom was armed, held them up, smashed the 3/4 inch thick plate glass of the display case, and made their escape with the stamps. The whole

episode took less than one minute.

It will not be easy to get rid of the stamps if that was the thieves' intent. The half pane of stamps is dry mounted on card (Ed. I have heard that a form of epoxy, insoluble in water, was used). The stamps are obviously poorly centred and are slightly faded. With the above photograph available, each stamp should be easily identifiable.

Anyone who has information about these stamps should contact their local police who have been informed of the theft.

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## FORTHCOMING ISSUES



Four stamps are to be issued on March 6th to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the Royal Canadian Academy of Arts and the National Gallery. They portray works by Academy members whose creations form part of the National Gallery collection.

There are two 17¢ stamps printed se tenant and two 35¢ stamps, also printed se tenant. Ashton-Potter Limited, Toronto, printed the stamps in four colour lithography on coated one side lithographic paper. All are general tagged. Quantities ordered are: 17¢ - 24 millions, 35¢ - 10.5 millions.

## VARIETIES

Jan L. Bajorek reports the following varieties:

No. 662-3 - Samuel Chown and John Cook stamps, May 30, 1975 - a line running vertically down the 4th vertical row

- The works illustrated on the stamps are:
- 17¢ - "A Meeting of the School Trustees" by Robert Harris (1849-1919).
  - 17¢ - "Inscription", a sculpture by Louis-Philippe Hébert (1850-1917).
  - 35¢ - "Sunrise on the Saguenay" by Lucius O'Brien (1832-1899).
  - 35¢ - Original Parliament Buildings, a pen and watercolour drawing by one of the designers, Thomas Fuller (1822-1898).

The copyright symbol and date (1980) appear in the lower right corner of all four stamps.

No. 677 - 8¢ Family and Tree, 1975 Christmas issue, October 22, 1975 stamp 9 - two small red dots, one above the other, directly beneath the oblique line in "N" of Noël.

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The large 17¢ booklet has been found with vertical ribbing. These types of papers or gums have appeared over the last few years on many issues. The reason for these varieties is not clear and one can only suggest that shortages of paper made substitution necessary. They are not believed to be experimental or intended changes but rather the need to use whatever is available as long as it meets the required specifications for printing. Nevertheless, collectors should keep an eye on these items because some are not easy to find.

At the recent meeting of the Canadian Forces Philatelic Society a brief was presented with a discussion that followed on the question of cleaning stamps and envelopes. There appears to be some misunderstanding by some that this kind of action means the alteration or even forging of an item. This is not the intent at all.

Many times stamps or covers may be dirty, folded, creased or have added information from a collector or even the post office. There is nothing wrong, for example, in erasing the pencil mark on the margin of the stamp or sheet which the post office clerk has added to facilitate his accounting. To clean the dirt away from a fold in a cover and make the cover look nicer is not an action which should be regarded as objectionable. If the stamp with the cleaned fold is then offered as a stamp without fold, this is where one has to draw the line. Many minor blemishes can be treated to make the item more representable and because ALL collectors and dealers are honest one should have no trouble. In connection with this a new book has just been published by P. Schmid - "How to detect damaged and repaired stamps."

The 50¢ booklet with the two 17¢

stamps in it has been found with a most peculiar doubling of the Queen's head. What looks like a complete doubling of the head is a major shift of the impression of the head in relation to the background which is made up of tiny grey dots in the outline of the head. This kind of variety is an oddity but when it is as pronounced as this one it still is of interest to a collector of varieties. A number of these booklets have been found but the total quantity is still small.

The 17¢ coil has been noted with a very faint indication of hairlines above the numeral. This would indicate that the surface of the cylinder has cracks. Plate cracks often occur near the margins where the inscription is located as this is usually the area of highest impact pressure when printing. Cracks also occur when bending the plate to form the printing cylinder or when accidentally damaging the plate. Many issues with these hairlines exist. Of interest is that some proofs of early stamps have been found to show such hairlines. Normally proofs are made before the printing begins and one would assume that a damaged die or plate would be rejected.

Is it likely then that proofs have been made long after the printing has begun and that cracks which developed show up? Or have these damaged subjects not been noted and the plate was run with the original cracks? What is your view?

Are you receiving the regular Canada Post Philatelic Bulletins? The last one has some very interesting information about the production of the stamp booklets and a story about straight edges. Most informative is the news that these books receive first the gravure colours, then the tagging is done and then the engraved colours are added. So, the tagging is applied neither at the beginning nor the end of the printing.



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## The Man Behind

# The Gzowski Stamp

by Geoffrey F. Briginshaw

For late night TV talk show addicts, the name Gzowski conjures up visions of Peter Gzowski as the host of CBC's "90 Minutes Live". Five years of radio and television was enough for him and, in mid 1978, he retired to Rockwood, Ontario, about an hour's drive west of Toronto, to write a book.

The Gzowski of the stamp is not Peter Gzowski but his illustrious ancestor, Sir Casimir Stanislaus Gzowski (1813-1898), his great grandfather, the 150th anniversary of whose birth was commemorated by the 5¢ Canadian stamp (Sc. 410) issued on March 5, 1963.

The 26 mm x 22 mm rose purple stamp was designed by Philip Weiss of Ottawa and features a portrait of Sir Casimir when he was about 50 years of age. To the right of the portrait are a ship in a canal, a railway locomotive and a bridge. The significance of these will become obvious later. Below Sir Casimir's portrait are the dates 1813 - 1963 and to the right of his left mutton chop whisker is the designer's initial "W".

Just who was this man and what did he do for Canada? The Gibbons catalogue says only that he was an engineer; the Scott catalogue goes a little further and describes him as "engineer, soldier and educator". In fact, he is one of the more romantic figures in this country's past and is truly one of our national heroes.

Back in 1815, an Englishman, Charles Edward Poulett-Thomson (1799 - 1841), later to be made Lord Sydenham and Governor-General of Canada from 1839,



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joined the St. Petersburg (now Leningrad) office of his father's trading business.

In 1820, Charles Bagot (1781-1843), another Englishman who later was made Sir Charles Bagot and Governor-General of Canada from 1841, was appointed British Ambassador to the Court of St. Petersburg.

During their terms of office as Governors-General, both these men did much for Canada; Poulett-Thomson implemented the famous Durham Report and achieved the union of Upper and Lower Canada. Bagot united the French and the English with responsible government and political freedom.

In St. Petersburg both moved in high society circles and became friends of Count Stanislaus Gzowski, a Polish nobleman, diplomat, officer in the Imperial Russian Guard, and father of Casimir.

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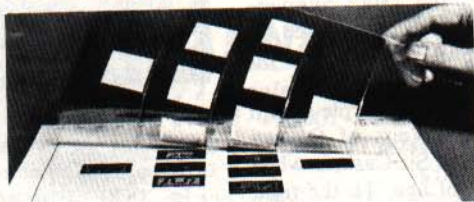
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Like his father, Casimir was destined for a military career. At the age of nine, he entered the distinguished Polish Academy at Krzemieniec where he developed a strong interest in engineering. After graduating in 1830 he could have taken up a promising career in the Imperial Russian Engineers but he chose to join an anti-Russian movement of Polish patriots in the expulsion of Czar/Tsar Nicholas' brother Constantine from Warsaw. Austrian intervention hastened the collapse of the uprising in 1831 in which Casimir was wounded, captured, imprisoned and condemned to death. At the last minute, because of his father's influence, the sentence was changed to exile and in 1833 he went with others to the United States.

Despite the fact that the U.S. Government had not been consulted about the deportation of the Polish patriots, they were given welcome and aid upon their arrival in New York. Casimir was then 21 years old, 6 feet 4 inches tall and strikingly handsome with fair hair and blue eyes, but spoke no English. However, he spoke five other languages: Polish, Russian, French, German and Italian, and taught these at a private school. He also gave lessons in violin, drawing and fencing. One of his pupils in the school was Maria Beebe the 17 year old daughter of Dr. Taylor Beebe of Geneva, N.Y. He married her in 1839.

Primarily to learn English, he articulated himself to a prominent law firm. In 1837 he passed his law examinations, was admitted to the Bar in Massachusetts and obtained U.S. citizenship. He decided, however, to move west and practice law in Pennsylvania, but he returned to his original profession of engineering when he saw the great possibilities in this field. He became one of the engineers involved in the New York and Erie Railway, as well as in canal work.

In 1841 he was sent to Canada in search of contracts in the proposed governmental improvement of the Welland Canal. This excursion yielded a chance meeting with Lord Sydenham and the renewal of the friendship they had enjoyed in Russia a quarter century earlier. He was persuaded

to stay in Canada and was given a post on the engineering staff of the Canadian Public Works Department. Although the Governor-General died in the autumn, his successor was Sir Charles Bagot, that other friend from Russia.

Gzowski shortly moved his wife and family to London, Ontario, and became Engineer of Roads and Waterways in that district of Upper Canada. He assumed increasingly important responsibilities and eventually was in charge of public works.

He represented the emergence of engineering from its rule-of-thumb beginnings to sound technological practice. His work was both excellent and widespread, embracing roads, bridges, surveys, harbours, canals and lighthouses. On one occasion, several leading citizens questioned the safety of a new bridge which looked too spidery, but complete confidence was restored when batteries of artillery, at the trot, traversed the structure "without disturbing the serenity of either the bridge or Gzowski" who had agreed to stand underneath it during the test.

Gzowski became a naturalized British subject in 1846 but left the government service the following year because mounting political control over public works imposed unattractive constraints on his engineering work and he felt discouraged over his prospects for advancement. Soon afterwards he took up an assignment in the unfamiliar field of mining engineering. He then established contracts with financial and political leaders in Montreal, and, from 1848 to 1853, he was engaged in construction work for the St. Lawrence and Atlantic Railway.

In 1853 he founded the Toronto contracting firm of Gzowski and Company with partners Alexander Tilloch Galt, Luther Holton and James Macpherson. Together they built the Grand Trunk Railway line between Toronto and Sarnia and other railways, as well as navigation and docking facilities in Montreal and Toronto.

In the mid-1850's Gzowski bought seven acres of land with 600 feet frontage on Bathurst Street just north of Queen Street in Toronto. On it in 1858 he built a splen-



did two-story house, designed by Frederick Cumberland, which he called 'The Hall'. The property extended up to St. Patrick Street (now Dundas Street) and was in the west half of Park Lot 18 originally granted to John Graves Simcoe's secretary, Littlehales. The large buff brick house faced west to Bathurst Street, where Alexandra Park is today, and was set back 500 feet from the stone gates. Gzowski loved flowers and beautiful rose gardens were planned near the entrance; the drive was lined with chestnut trees.

Behind the house were stables and a coach house. Near the vegetable garden was a small brick building which was originally meant to be a milk house but Gzowski converted it to a fairy-tale playhouse for his children. In 1904 the property was sold to the City of Toronto for \$65,000 and the house was demolished.

*(To be concluded)*

#### NEW ZEALAND 1980 PROGRAMME

- Feb. 7 - 3 x 14c, 125th anniv. N.Z. stamps + miniature sheet of 3 for Zeapex '80  
 - 17c, 25c, 30c, Centenary of Rotorua, Internat. Orchid Conference, World Ploughing Championship.  
 Apr. 2 - 4 stamps, Architecture  
 June 4 - 4 stamps, Large harbours  
 Aug. 6 - 3 stamps, Health  
 Oct. 1 - 3 stamps, Christmas  
 Nov. 26 - 5 definitives.

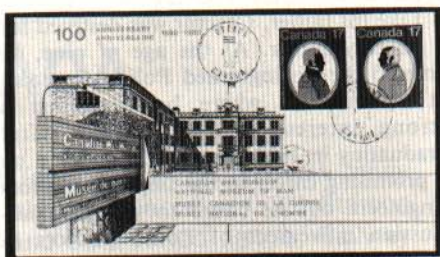
Total - 25 stamps plus 1 miniature sheet.

Following introduction of new postal rates on Aug. 1, it was necessary to produce quickly supplies of 4c, 14c and 17c stamps. This was achieved by overprinting surplus stocks of 8c, 10c and 6c definitives respectively. They were released as they came to hand, thus there was no first day of issue or first day cover.

#### CANADIAN WAR MUSEUM

##### 100th Anniversary Souvenir Envelope

A souvenir envelope has been prepared to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the Canadian War Museum. It features a pen and ink drawing of the museum in black with lettering in red. It bears a set of two stamps of the 'Colonel' stamps can-



celled at Ottawa Jan. 1, 1980, and contains a bilingual insert describing the history of the museum. \$1.25 each (payable to Marketing Branch, National Museum of Man) from The Commemorative Envelope Coordinator, Canadian War Museum, 330 Sussex Drive, Ottawa, Ont., K1A 0M8.

#### TRADE NOTES

##### CANADIAN STAMP DEALER'S ASSOCIATION

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The brochure and a current auction catalogue are free upon request.



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## Literature Reviews

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**SAIL TRAFFIC ON TRISTAN DA CUNHA DURING THE MID-NINETEENTH CENTURY** by Peter A. Munch. *Ice Cap News*, Vol. 24, No. 6, Suppl., 1979. American Society of Polar Philatelists, 4300 West Dempster, Skokie, IL 60076, U.S.A. 21.9 cm x 27.6 cm, 28 pages, illus., maps, appendixes, offset, saddle stitched, paper covers, 1979. US\$4.00 payable to Amer. Soc. Polar Philatelist, c/o Mr. Joseph Fabbio, P.O. Box 103, Cinnamenson, NJ 08077, U.S.A.

Dr. Munch's monograph, the first in a continuous series of A.S.P.P. polar philatelic monographs, provides the philatelist who is interested in the postal history of Tristan da Cunha with a significant amount of information on the receipt and transmission of mails at that island in the 19th century.

This has been made possible by the reproduction of excerpts from the "Logbook" kept by the Rev. William F. Taylor during his residence on the island from 1851 to 1856. His "Shipping Intelligence" section of the Logbook lists visiting ships, captains' names, ships sighted but not visited or which did not stay at the island.

Although the "Shipping Intelligence" forms the core of the monograph, Dr. Munch has searched additional original sources and has provided information on earlier and later visits by whaling ships and merchantmen to round out the data. He also discusses the use of whalers and other ships for carrying mail to and from the island, and points out the merits or pitfalls of the several methods available.

The history of Tristan itself is not neglected. He has briefly described the occupancy of the island, the origins, the goings and comings and fates of its inhabitants in the 19th century.

Dr. Munch, Professor Emeritus (Sociology) at Southern Illinois University, is a published Tristan scholar (his doctoral dissertation was 'Sociology of Tristan

da Cunha', Oslo, 1945) has visited the island several times for extended periods and spent time with the islanders in England after their evacuation in 1962 following the volcanic eruptions.

This latest work by him, will form a useful addition to the Tristan postal historian's reference library.

**MANUAL OF PHILATELIC HEADINGS USED BY THE AMERICAN PHILATELIC RESEARCH LIBRARY**, by Chester M. Smith, Jr. (Penn. State Univ.), Lois M. Evans, Joan Mast and Lydia Wasylenko (Am. Phil. Res. Lib.). Published by the American Philatelic Research Library, P.O. Box 338, State College, PA, 16801, U.S.A. 20.6 cm x 28.0 cm, 103 pages, softbound, 1979. US\$20.00, postpaid, from the publisher or some dealers.

The Manual will be of special interest to those individuals who regularly use the resources of the American Philatelic Research Library, to researchers interested in locating philatelic materials in other libraries, and to librarians responsible for maintaining philatelic collections.

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Extensive use of computers by many libraries has also been taken into con-



sideration in developing this manual. A unique number has been assigned to each entry for indexing and cataloguing via computers.

All serious philatelists will find the manual to be an invaluable reference tool. A limited number have been printed.

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**ZEAPEX '80 AUCKLAND, MAGAZINE FOUR, January 1980. Editor, Peter Oldham. Published by New Zealand Stamp Exhibition Inc., Auckland, N.Z. 17.6 cm x 24.0 cm, 64 pages, illus., maps, stiff covers, saddle stitched, 1979. Available only with membership in N.Z. Stamp Exhibition Inc. (see Can. Phil., Vol. 30, No. 6, p. 341, 1979 for further information).**

This is the final magazine produced for Zeapex '80 Auckland, the N.Z. International Stamp Exhibition, 23-31 August, 1980, and is uniform in format and similar in content to the first three magazines.

The contents include, among others, a description of the miniature sheet to be issued by the N.Z.P.O. for Zeapex '80; a brief biography of Marcel Stanley, Chairman of the Jury; a history of the post office and markings of Hokianga by John J. Bishop; "Fiscals" by Peter Oldham; "Exhibition Award Standards" by K. J. McNaught; "The Maori Language on New Zealand Stamps" by John Watts; "Who Would Be A Judge" by Robson Lowe; "Local Posts: The Provinces 1852-1858" by Gerald J. Elliott (continued from Magazines 1 and 2); "The Status of the Printing and Stationery Department and Public Trust Office Adhesive Stamps" by K. J. McNaught and "The Problem Letter/Number Date-Stamps of the 1860s" by K. J. McNaught.

This issue also includes, as a centrefold lift out, reproductions of two stamp designs (one accepted and issued) in black and white from the N.Z.P.O. Archives.

The four magazines in this series make a useful contribution to N.Z. philatelic literature and are well worth the price of membership (NZ\$10.00).

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**ISLENZK FRIMERKI CATALOGUE OF ICELANDIC STAMPS 1980, 24th**

**edition, by Sigurdur H. Thorsteinsson. Published by Isafoldarprentsmisja HF. 13.9 cm x 20.6 cm, 122 pages, illus., card covers, 1979. US\$8.00 from Scanstamps Ltd., P.O. Box 28054, Washington, D.C., 20005, U.S.A.**

This slim, pocket size bilingual (English and Icelandic) catalogue is the basic reference guide for the Icelandic specialist. It covers the definitive, commemorative, air mail and official stamps, their perforation varieties, inverted watermarks, overprint varieties, colours and shades, quantities printed, and dates of issue of stamps issued to July 3, 1979.

Also included are price lists of Special Cancellations, semi-officials, Christmas seals and Local stamps. FDCs, both for singles and blocks of four, are listed and priced from 1935 onwards.

The text is unchanged from the 23rd edition but all prices have been revised, and these show substantial increases of up to 100 per cent in many cases. The values are given in Icelandic kronur.

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**STANLEY GIBBONS GREAT BRITAIN SPECIALISED STAMP CATALOGUE VOLUME 1: QUEEN VICTORIA, 6th edition. Published by Stanley Gibbons Publications Ltd., 391 Strand, London, WC2R 0LX, England. 14.5 cm x 22.2 cm, xii + 376 pages, illus., appendixes, bibliography, index, offset, hardbound, 1979. Approximately \$25.00 from many dealers.**

There are several changes in this edition which are obvious. The first is that the cost has risen by £3.50 (approx. \$10.00) in two years. The other notable changes are that the text has been entirely reset and rearranged and new page headings have been made. The new edition is now printed on fine cartridge paper in place of the 'glossy art' paper of previous editions.

These changes have made it a cleaner, less cluttered appearing book whose pages do not reflect the glare in certain lights. They have, however, somewhat reduced the sharpness and clarity of the illustrations of stamp designs.

The re-styled text includes new indexes and the 'Indexes and Checklists' are indexed at the end of the Table of Contents.



The contents comprise an Historical Introduction, the Mulready Letter Sheets and Envelopes, the Line-Engraved Issues, The embossed Issues, the Surface-Printed Issues, The Official Stamps, The Postal Fiscal Stamps, The Post Office Telegraph Stamps, Appendixes and Further Reading.

The Cancellations, formerly recorded and illustrated under 'Line-Engraved Notes' are now in separate Appendix D. Many notes have been added to the section on the popular 'Jubilee' stamps of 1887-1900 and much new material on essays and die proofs of the surface-printed stamps has been included.

It has been announced that Gibbons plans to issue a new edition of one of the four volumes of the Specialised Catalogue at six-month intervals. A given volume should thus see a new edition every two years.

It goes without saying that this is the essential catalogue for the Victoria G.B. collector.

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**STANLEY GIBBONS STAMP CATALOGUE PART 2: AUSTRIA & HUNGARY.** 1st ed. 1979. 14.6 cm x 21.7 cm x + 189 pages, illus., flexible covers, 1979. Approx. \$16.50.

**STANLEY GIBBONS STAMP CATALOGUE PART 4: BENELUX,** 1st ed., 1979. 14.6 cm x 21.6 cm, x + 214 pages, illus., flexible covers, 1979. Approx. \$18.00. Published by Stanley Gibbons Publications, Ltd., 391 Strand, London, WC2R 0LX, England. Available from many dealers.

Part 2 brings together Austria, with Lombardy and Venetia, the P.O.s abroad and territories acquired by Italy, the Military Post issues, the Danube Steam Navigation Company's stamps, the issues of Bosnia and Herzegovina. Hungary is presented in full, plus the numerous issues made by various occupying powers. It has been established that Hungary had its own postal administration in 1867 and the first stamps issued in that year have been given recognition in this new volume.

Part 4: Benelux countries comprises Belgium, the Netherlands and Luxembourg, but this volume includes the

colonies of these countries. Thus it includes Belgium Congo and Ruanda-Urundi, Netherlands Antilles, Indies, New Guinea and Surinam. The International Court of Justice stamps and German Occupation issues for Belgium and Luxembourg are also included.

The General Philatelic Information section at the beginning of each catalogue volume has been completely revised and offers a more precise guideline to the criteria used in listing, or not listing, stamps.

The arrangement of the listings and the design indexes which were in the larger volumes from which these sections have been extracted remain unchanged. Naturally, prices have been completely revised and generally show substantial increases over those in the last edition of the Foreign Stamp Catalogue published approximately 30 months earlier.

These sectional catalogues retain the usefulness of the older version and have the added advantage of being more convenient because fewer countries are covered in them.

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**COLLECT BRITISH STAMPS. A STANLEY GIBBONS CHECKLIST OF THE STAMPS OF GREAT BRITAIN.** 25th edition, Winter 1979. 16.6 cm x 19.5 cm, iv + 64 pages, col. illus., softbound, 1979. \$4.50.

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**COLLECT ISLE OF MAN STAMPS. A STANLEY GIBBONS COLOUR CHECKLIST OF STAMPS AND POSTAL HISTORY.** 4th Edition, 1979. 16.4 cm x 19.4 cm, 36 pages, col. illus., softbound, 1979. \$4.50.

Published by Stanley Gibbons Publications Ltd., 391 Strand, London, WC2R 0LX, England. Available from many dealers.

The scope of the 'jubilee edition' of Collect British Stamps is the same as for the previous editions and lists stamps up to and including the Sir Rowland Hill stamps of August 22, 1979. The Queen Victoria



stamps listings have been made easier to follow, a new list of watermark varieties is at the end of the books, and the 'PHQ' cards are placed with the sets of stamps to which they refer. Pricing is in sterling but an 'American edition' with pricing in U.S. dollars is also available.

It is interesting to note that the prices for stamps of the last decade show no consistent trend. Some increases and decreases are noted for both mint and used stamps. It is also of interest that the prices for used stamps are often as high or higher than the mint copies of the same stamps.

The new edition of Collect Channel Islands Stamps no longer has the brief outline of the Islands' postal history. The listings, complete through Jersey's International Year of the Child (August 13, 1979) and Guernsey's Public Transport (August 7, 1979), include the German Occupation stamps of 1940-45 and the Guernsey bisects.

The third of the trio of Gibbons' checklists has been carefully reviewed and brought up to the Royal Visit stamps of July 5, 1979. The first portion of the checklist is a concise illustrated postal history with some revision of the Edwardian era. Prices have been revised, mainly upwards.

All three checklists are handy, useful tools for the collector of these issues.

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**MINKUS NEW WORLD WIDE STAMP CATALOG 1980, Volume 1, Part II: Free Asia and Africa.** 15.6 cm x 22.9 cm, vi + 874 pages, illus., index, softbound, 1979. **Volume 1, Part III: Latin America.** 15.9 cm x 22.8 cm, vi + 714 pages, illus., index, softbound, 1979. Published by Minkus Publications, Inc., 116 West 32nd Street, New York, NY, 10001, U.S.A. **Part II, US\$15.95, Part III, US\$12.95, or equivalent from dealers.**

Thoroughly revised and enlarged, these two parts of Volume 1 will be followed by the revised Part I (British Commonwealth and Ireland) early in this year. Clearly set out listings, using Minkus numbers, are chronological and include those issues that are 'back of the book' items in other catalogues. Also included are varieties,

and key types and watermarks are illustrated. Pricing reflects market trends which have increased some countries' stamps (e.g. British Commonwealth) anywhere from 20 to 100 percent.

A useful alternative catalogue.

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**THE KINGDOM OF POLAND. Poland No. 1 and associated Postal History.** By M. A. Bojanowicz, RDP. Published by The Royal Philatelic Society, 41 Devonshire Place, London WIN 1PE, England. **Demy 4to, 192 pages, col. plates, 32 pages illus., hardbound (full buckram with gilt tops), 1979. Limited edition of 500 copies. Price £30 (surface postage paid) from The Secretary at the above address.**

The book contains everything associated with Polish philately starting with the period before the introduction of hand-struck markings in 1768. This is followed by the Napoleonic Wars and the partition of Poland in 1795 by Russia, Prussia and Austria. Because of this fact, it is of interest not only to Polish collectors but also of Russia, Germany and Austria. I remember a discussion I once had with the late Edwin Mueller about the greatest rarities among the Austrian prestamp postmarks when he replied that those of Galizia are the rarest.

The book contains information and pictures of forgeries, great rarities, postal stationery, the usage of Russian stamps before the issue of Poland No. 1 on January 1/12, 1858, and after the withdrawal of Poland No. 1 on April 1/12, 1865.

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**YAMSCHIK: THE POST RIDER, No. 5, Nov. 1979.** The Canadian Society of Russian Philately, P.O. Box 5722, Station A, Toronto, Ontario, M5W 1P2. \$5.00.

The latest number of Yamschik is a good one with the best yet reproduction of illustrations. The opening Editorial and a warning later in the number concerns Soviet forgeries of the Russian DZHALAINOR C.E.R. (Chinese Eastern Railway) postmark used abroad in Manchuria and some serious troubles that have occurred in connection with them. Among



the articles that follow are: "Report on 'Philaserdica - 79' " by Andrew Cronin which, naturally, concentrates on the exhibits of Russian and Soviet philately and postal history; "Current Philatelic Conditions in the USSR" by An Observer (includes trading experiences of the 'observer'); "Postage Stamps Issued by the Zemstvos" by Alex Artuchov and G. G. Werbizky (a 12 page priced catalogue, with detailed descriptions of printings, cancellations and illustrations of types and plating flaws), and "When is a Yak Not a Yak?" by P. J. Campbell (not the animal but the aircraft on Russia, Scott 1159a,b, 1160a, 1247 and C-82).

A good issue.

**PHILATELIC LITERATURE REVIEW, Vol. 28, No. 4, 1979.** Published quarterly by the American Philatelic Research Library, P.O. Box 338, State College, PA 16801, U.S.A.

This issue includes, among the regular features, the following articles: Research Methods in Postal History by George H. Phillips (based on the use of U.S.A. sources but the methods are applicable elsewhere); Subject Index of APS Revenue Unit Columns by Richard F. Riley; the continuation of A Bibliography of Philatelic Literature of the French Colonies, Protectorates, and Overseas Territories by Robert G. Stone.

**PHILATELIC FOUNDATION ANALYSIS LEAFLET AL-6: VATICAN CITY 1934 PROVISIONALS.**

This leaflet discusses the 1934 provisional series which has been extensively faked over the years. The leaflet gives a brief history of the issue and its printings and lists the number submitted to the Philatelic Foundation and its findings. 50¢ per copy from The Philatelic Foundation, 270 Madison Ave., New York, NY 10016, U.S.A.

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**THE CHAPTER COORDINATOR - - -**

Your Chapter Coordinators take pleasure in welcoming two new chapters. They are: Chapter 166, Stoney Creek Stamp Club, whose annual show will be held on

April 26th, and Chapter 167, The Bathurst & Chaleur District Stamp Club.

When requesting slide programmes, we again urge that you give your first choice

and two alternatives, and your request should be sent at least a month ahead of your meeting date. A greater number of our chapters are using slide programmes and we have only one set of each of the majority of the programmes. As a result, extra correspondence is involved and Chapters are disappointed. Please bear in mind when requesting slide sets. Our thanks to the Chapters who are getting

slide sets back to us promptly. It is a great help to us.

We are making tentative plans to go to Calgary for CALTAPEX '80. If we do get there, we hope to meet a number of our Western Friends.

T. E. Lyons for  
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## ADVERTISING MANAGER - - -

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A full page in this issue provides all the information required on advertising in the CP. Further information, if required, may be obtained by contacting me at the address on that page.

R. K. Malott  
Advertising Manager

## CONVENTION COORDINATOR - - -

As you know, the 1980 R.P.S.C. Convention and Annual Meeting will be held in Calgary, Alberta, from May 28 to June 1, in conjunction with CALTAPEX '80. Try to plan your holidays to take in the 52nd Annual Convention of the Society.

The 1981 R.P.S.C. Convention and Annual Meeting is scheduled to be hosted by the Lakeshore Stamp Club in Pointe Claire, Québec. Scheduled dates and other particulars will be published within a few months.

Host chapters are required after 1981. Are there any chapters in the Maritimes ready to spread out the philatelic welcome mat? Any chapters wishing information on organizing such an event are invited to write to me for it.

In conjunction with organizing future conventions, the Society is also trying to locate specific recorded proof of the

locations of all past convention and annual meeting locations and times. As a result of a plea for data, the only years between 1924 and 1979 requiring data are: 1926, 1929, 1930, 1935, 1936, 1939, 1944, and 1945 (nine different years).

Can any of our readers provide proof of the location and dates for any of these nine conventions? Most likely the events took place in Toronto, but specific recorded data are requested. Examples of souvenir envelopes, menu sheets, programmes, etc., from all these conventions and annual meetings are also being solicited for use in the Society's display section of the soon to open National Postal Museum at 180 Wellington Street, Ottawa, Ontario.

R. K. Malott  
Convention Coordinator



## FROM THE CHAPTERS - - -

### CALTAPEX '80

The 57 year old Calgary Philatelic Society has planned to make Caltapex '80 the largest and most important stamp show for 1980 in Western Canada.

There will be over 5000 pages of exhibits at the Palliser Hotel, a 30 dealer bourse and a Court of Honour with items from the National Postal Museum and from London 1980. Canada Post will have a post office and a special Caltapex '80 cancel.

The club will conduct seminars, film showings, a raffle, free draws, a trading area for members and a two session auction.

In addition to the Annual Meeting of the R.P.S.C., there will be a BNAPS regional meeting and a study seminar sponsored by the Canadian Military Mail Study Group.

These are just a few more reasons why R.P.S.C. members should make an effort to attend the annual meeting and Caltapex '80, May 28 to June 1.

### GRAND RIVER VALLEY PHILATELIC ASSOCIATION'S "GRAND DAY"

On March 29th, eleven R.P.S.C. Chapters (from first, No. 1 to almost the latest, No. 166) and the new Burlington Stamp Club, the member clubs of the G.R.V.P.A., are holding an exhibition of exhibits which received a Silver + medal or better in a GRVPA club local level exhibitions since Jan. 1, 1978. These will be judged at a National level.

In addition to this exhibition, there will be GRVPA clubs' sales circuits, an auction, seminars (PHSC and ATA) and the draw for the raffle prize of 2 weeks in The Bahamas for 2.

All of this will take place at the College Avenue Secondary School, Woodstock, Ontario, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. where, at the same time, the Oxford Philatelic Society (Chap. 65) will be holding their annual local level exhibition and dealers bourse.

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### CALGARY PHILATELIC SOCIETY

(Chapter 66) Regular meetings: First Tuesday of the month, Calgary Central Library, 616 Macleod Trail, 7:00 p.m. Auction: Third Tuesday of the month, CUPE Hall, 104 - 13th Ave. S.E., 7:30 p.m. President: E. A. Harris, P.O. Box 1641, Calgary, Alberta, T2P 2L7.

### CANADIAN ASSOCIATION FOR ISRAEL PHILATELY

(C.A.F.I.P.) RPSC Chapter No. 76. Meetings every third Monday of the month (except July and August) at 7:30 p.m. at Coleman's Delicatessen, 3085 Bathurst Street, Toronto (at Lawrence). Visitors always welcome. President: David Warren, P.O. Box 397, Willowdale, Ontario, M2N 1Y2.

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### EAST TORONTO STAMP CLUB

Cedarvale Park Building, Cedarvale Ave., First East of Woodbine, at Cosburn, North of Arena. 1st & 3rd Wednesdays. Sec'y: Raymond Reakes, 188 Woodmount Ave., Toronto 13. Phone: 425-1545. Visitors Always Welcome.

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## CHAPTER MEETINGS

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### WINNIPEG PHILATELIC SOCIETY

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### Thoughts and Things (continued from P. 77)

The prize, however, goes to the Christmas card that was mailed in New Zealand on Oct. 16th and arrived here 101 days later.

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**Thoughts and things**

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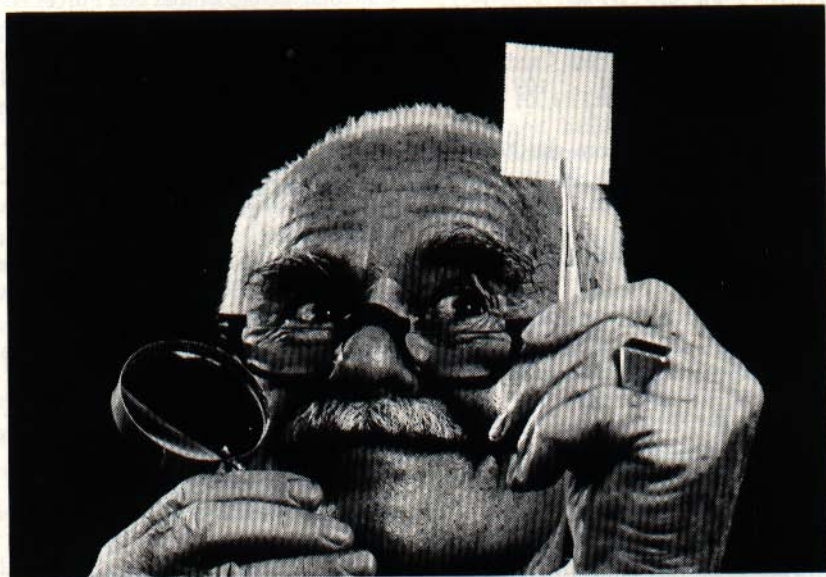
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— D.H. Ottawa, Ont.
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