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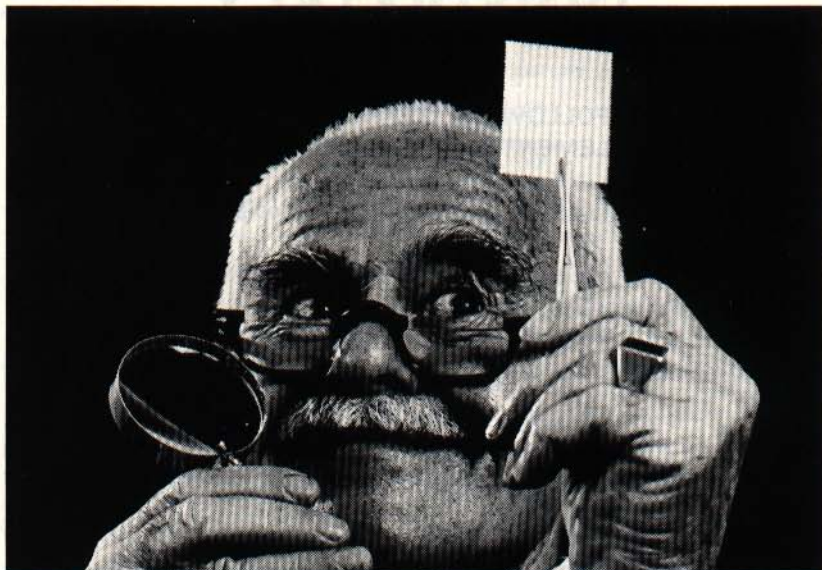
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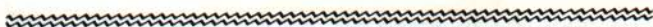
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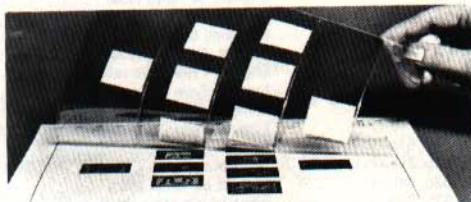
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It feels strange to write these greetings while the leaves, although turning colour, are still on the trees (at least most of them are), the sky is still clear and the grass needs mowing. But such is the lot of an editor.

This issue provides you with several new items among which is an article by Leopold Beaudet on Canadian varieties. This is to be a regular feature from now on.

You will also find a copy of the Society's By-Laws. To my knowledge this is the first time these have appeared in *The Canadian Philatelist*. Why now? The stock of the copies that are sent to every new member is almost exhausted and must be replenished. What better way is there of presenting them than to incorporate them in the C.P. so that all members may read them and refresh their memories about the rules that regulate their society?

The last new feature of this issue is the incorporation of the Index to the current volume. No longer do you have to wait until the next year for the index before you can have the volume bound. The Index now forms an integral part of the last number of the volume.

Again, we have been for the past 20 years, we are indebted to Mr. Jacques J. Charron for undertaking the preparation of the annual index.

With these items we seem to be running out of changes to make. However, we should be able to come up with something next year.

One of the activities that I have indulged in recently is rereading some of the older Canadian philatelic periodicals. This has brought to my attention information on our Society's history as well as on Canadian philately in general.

From time to time, some of these glimpses of the past will be presented to you under the general heading "From the Past". The first such glimpse will be found elsewhere in this issue.



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UN FLAG STAMPS

Last year, provincial and territorial flags were the subjects of a 12 stamp miniature sheet issued by Canada Post.

This year, the United Nations Postal Administration embarks upon a more ambitious project which, over the next ten years, will see the portrayal of all the flags of the United Nations on UN postage stamps.

Collectors of "Flags on stamps" or "United Nations stamps" will find this continuing series to be a little expensive.

The first sixteen stamps in the series were issued on Sept. 26, 1980 in sheets of sixteen stamps. Each sheet accommodates four different flags, each in blocks of four.

The following groups of four were depicted:

- a) Fiji, Luxembourg, Turkey, Viet Nam
- b) Bangladesh, Guinea, Mali, Suriname
- c) El Salvador, France, Venezuela, Yugoslavia
- d) United Republic of Cameroon, Hungary, Madagascar, Rwanda.

The stamps are in horizontal format, 39.2 mm x 28.6 mm, perf. to perf., perforated 11.75, printed in quantities of 7 millions each.

Any of the four full sheets may be purchased individually. To purchase blocks of four of any one particular stamp, collectors must purchase a full sheet.

Single stamps must be purchased in four sets of singles, each set of which will include four different flag stamps from the

individual sheets.

The Annual Souvenir Folders, i.e., 1980 and subsequent years New York Souvenir Folder, will not include the "Flag Series" stamps. The Flag Series stamps, in a separate folder containing one each of the sixteen flag stamps, will be issued in 1980 and subsequent years.

Every postal administration seems to be dreaming up new ways of separating the gullible collector of gummed paper from his/her money and the UNPA appears to be going along with them with these stamps.

NOTE: The American Philatelic Society's New Issue Committee has assigned a 'Black Blot' to this first issue.

It also announced that it will Black Blot the remainder of the series unless the format is changed such that it would cause the committee to review this decision.

The reasons for the Black Blot are: 1. the total face value of the issue - \$9.60, and 2. for being an "intentional oddity", on the basis of the configuration of four blocks of four designs each on a miniature sheet.

THE UN REPLIES

After the APS "Black Blot" was announced, the UN Postal Administration came back with a defence of its Flag series.

"The total face value for one each of 16 stamps at 15 cents each is \$2.40" (not \$9.60). Also "The United Nations Postal Administration has not in the past and does not in the future propose to create any "intentional oddities". The printing of four blocks of four designs on one sheet is indeed an unusual departure in format for the UN Postal Administration, whose custom has been to issue sheets of 50 of one design. It must be recognized that such an unusual theme calls for an unusual format. The idea of souvenir sheets was considered and discarded, as was the idea of printing a single stamp of each nation on a sheet of 50. In view of the fact that United Nations stamp enthusiasts for the most part collect singles and marginal inscription blocks, issuing sheets of 16 stamps of four blocks of four designs provided the answer."

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This was good news for those who lived on or near the road who "had suffered serious disadvantages from the bad state of roads and want of a mail service." The funds would not provide for complete repair but would help to make the road passable in all seasons for various types of vehicles.

The paper also mentioned a subscription of 500 pounds in Hamilton and Guelph for completion of the Brock Road (Hwy. 6 from Guelph to Hamilton). If the Brock Rd. were macadamized it "will be one of the best roads in the province." The improved Brock Rd. would see the mail arriving in Guelph at 12 noon instead of 7 p.m.

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The Postmaster General announced an increase in postage on newspapers, conveyed through closed mail to or from Great Britain, would be one penny each, payable on receipt of the newspaper.

DOCTORED STAMPS

In one of his recent articles in the C.P., Hans Reiche drew attention to the proliferation of reperforated stamps and other alterations made to increase the desirability and price of lower valued stamps.

This practice has been going on ever since postage stamps became collectible items and cautionary notes have been published frequently in many philatelic journals.

We present the following from Popular Stamps, Feb. 1956, to emphasize that one should always know what one is buying before putting out good money for a seemingly valuable stamp.

"Montor writing in January issue of the C.P.S. Canadian Philatelist sounds a warning regarding repaired, regummed and doctored early Canada stamps allegedly coming from Europe in recent years.

"Naturally these dubious items are among the higher priced stamps and not likely to affect the junior or general collector but could disgust a new collector with stamps for life. Many middle aged and retired men have taken up stamps and are investing sizeable amounts in their holdings. To these the advice is given to deal only with known and reliable sources of supply.

"Rare items offered at bargain should be viewed with suspicion. Look out for precancelled stamps with the ink removed, backs regummed and offered as mint. Often this regumming is too bright, shiny and fresh looking. Some large Queen's have been reperforated on one or more sides, imperf beavers made to look like the more scarce perforated stamp. Proofs have been doctored to look like issued stamps. And cork cancellations have been faked, especially on small Queens."

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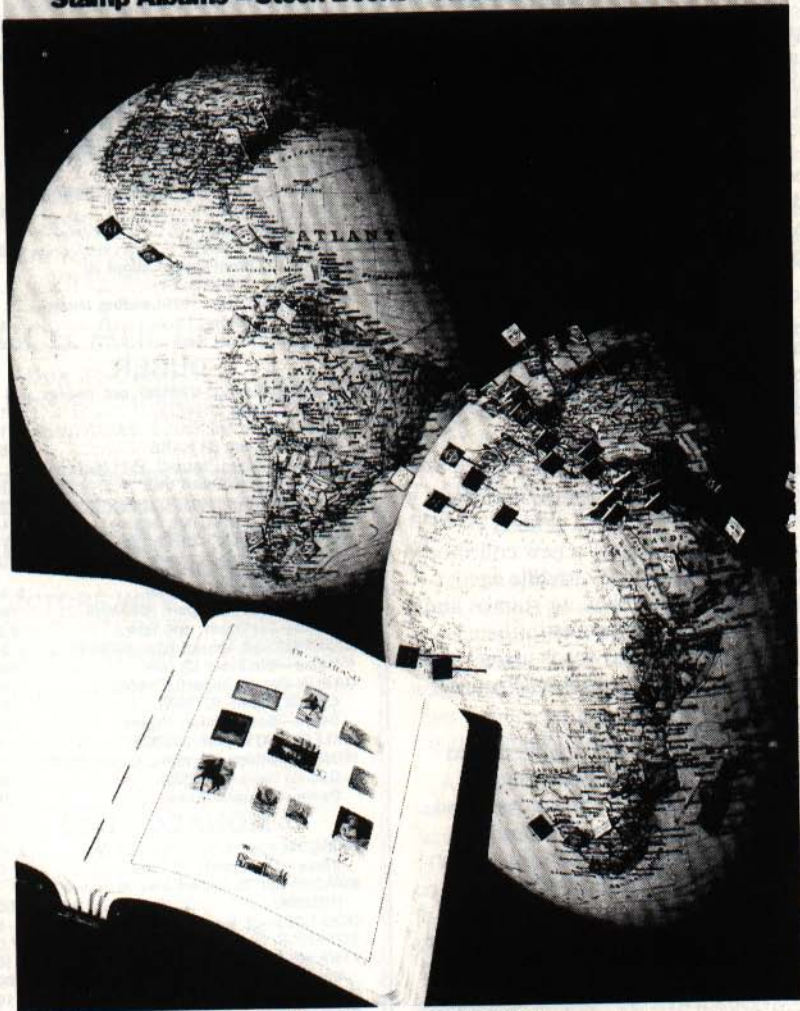
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Letters to the Editor

Electronic mail.

Sir:

I want to say how much each issue is enjoyed by me and my wife.

An article that caught my interest was Hans' "Telepost". There is an effort, I believe, through a Toronto lawyer and the . . . ? of Alberta to introduce the U.S. Telenet into Canada.

There is a reference on p.261 to an "Electronic Mail Study Group". I do not know it, but I am a user of electronic mail — have been since before the last postal strike. There is a users' guide and a list of users and their electronic mail numbers. It has nothing to do with the post office.

"Keep your early electronic mailings as these may become distinct soon", Hans, P.261. Mine are straight computer messages on business matters, no envelopes, etc.; mostly to and from Ottawa, Toronto and Kingston, all in Ontario, and Victoria, B.C.

Gilbert D. Kennedy,
British Columbia.

P.S. Hans R. should be thanked also for his timely article on reperforated stamps.

More on straight-edged sheets

Sir:

With reference to my article on p. 223-225, Can. Phil. vol. 31, No. 4 Jul.-Aug. '80, there is an opinion expressed on p.225 with which I have been ambivalent for a long time.

Since 1968 when I first began to collect the straight-edged sheets, I have been putting the tagged issues on the list, later taking them off, then putting them back. The opinion I expressed in the article was that, "Blank tagged plates have not been included as they do not seem to fit this unusual issue." Of course there are no "blank tagged plates", I meant "sheets", but discounting this small inaccuracy, the main question of tagged sheets should be reviewed.

The issues in discussion are numbers: 459, 459B, 460, and 460C. The definition for the subject of straight-edged sheets is that there is a plate number or imprint Philatelic Dep't version sheet, and a three-sides imperforate version sheet for over-the-counter post office sale.

Once again I have swung to the belief that these tagged versions should be on the list, since there is a Philatelic Dep't version and they have sheets with three straight edges and were sold over-the-counter at post offices.

May I suggest therefore, that numbers: 459ii, 459Bii, 459Biv, 460ii, and 460Cii be added to the list of straight-edged sheets.

For further clarification as well in the article, I used the word "set". I meant to imply by this, a "matched set of four corner blocks" for both the Philatelic Dep't and straight edged over-the-counter versions of the sheets.

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Otto Zeman, Vice-president,
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Unrecorded New Brunswick Way Office Postmarks.

Sir:

I am attempting to compile a more comprehensive listing of New Brunswick way office postmarks than was included in the excellent book by Jephcott, Greene & Young. Their listing ended with confederation and only included those that were proofed at the G.P.O. in London.

I wish to update the dates of usage and include the postmarks that were not proofed. It would be appreciated if readers would send to the undersigned a list of such way office postmarks that they might possess. Please include the name of the way office, the type as listed by Jephcott, Greene & Young, as well as the date of usage.

Thank you for any assistance you can offer.

Yours very truly,

Ian C. MacRae
239 Smythe St.,
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Information sought on Falkland Islands, etc. picture post cards.

Gentlemen:

I am compiling a catalogue of pre-1951 picture post cards of the Falkland Islands and Dependencies, including Falkland-related exploring expeditions. To date, I

have identified 233 such cards which I have divided into 60 "series." However, in my opinion, there are at least another 200 cards of this fifty-year period (1900-1950) out there somewhere waiting to be discovered.

I will not only be grateful to any of your readers who can send me front and back reproductions of such cards in the reader's collection, but will make prompt reimbursement for the cost of reproduction and postage. I will also be happy to try to answer questions about a particular card or series. Senders will receive recognition in the catalogue when published.

The resulting catalogue should be of real interest to Falkland Island collectors and historians. Please move right from your reading of this appeal to your collection and send the copies along to me. Many thanks in advance.

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NOVEMBER 8 - 10 — Hamilton-Buffalo Stamp Exhibition, Auction and Bourse of the Hamilton Philatelic Society, Kenneth Taylor Hall, McMaster University, 1280 Main St. W., Hamilton, Ont. Admission and parking free. Fri.: auction 7:45 p.m., Exhibition, Sat.: 10 a.m. - 6 p.m., Sun.: 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Chairman, Jack Savage, P.O. Box 299, McMaster University, Hamilton, Ont., L8S 1C0.

NOVEMBER 15-16 — BERMUPEX '80 to be held at the Castle Harbour Hotel. Probably a two day auction Nov. 13-14. Brochure and information from Mrs. Heidi Augustinovici, BERMUPEX '80, P.O. Box 957, Hamilton 5, Bermuda.

NOVEMBER 28-30 — STAMPFEST CANADA 1980, 80 dealers bourse, post offices, door prizes, auction. Sheraton Exhibit Hall, Sheraton Centre, Queens St., Toronto. Fri.: 10 a.m. - 7 p.m., Sat.: 10 a.m. - 7 p.m., Sun.: 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Admission \$1.50 adults, 75c. children.

1981

JANUARY 17-18 — Philafest III, exhibition and bourse in the Holiday Inn Milwaukee-West, 201 North Mayfair Road (Hwy. 100 at I-94), Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Admission and parking free. Sat.: 10 a.m. - 8 p.m., Sun.: 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Information from: Tom Kassel, Box 329, Milwaukee, WI, 53201, U.S.A.

FEBRUARY 27 - MARCH 1 — MILCOPEX '81, Annual Exhibition and Bourse of the Milwaukee Philatelic Society

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at the Red Carpet Hotel, 4747 S. Howell Ave., Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Theme: "British Philately" including British (incl. Commonwealth) literature. Information available from: Karl L. Keldenrich, P.O. Box 1980, Milwaukee, WI 53201, U.S.A.

MARCH 14 — OAKPEX '81, 8th 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 20 - 29 — LURABA 1981, 1st International Aero- and Astrophilatelic Exhibition, under FIP sponsorship, at the Musée des Transport, Lucerne, Switzerland. Commissioner General of Luraba 1981, Max H. Wehrli, 91 Kichbergstrasse, 8038, Zurich, Switzerland.

APRIL 4-5 — SPRING SHOW '81, Annual Exhibition and show of the Edmonton Stamp Club at the Executive Inn, 105 Street. Information from Keith R. Spencer, P.O. Box 399, Edmonton, Alberta, T5J 2J6.

MAY 22 - 31 — WIPA 1981, International Philatelic Exhibition, Vienna, Austria.

SEPTEMBER 18 - 19 - 20 — LACPEX '81. Annual Exhibition, Bourse, and Banquet of the Lakeshore Stamp Club at the Dorval Community Center, 1335 Lakeshore Drive, Dorval, Quebec. LACPEX '81 will host the 53rd Annual Convention of the RPSC. Prospectus, bourse space and other information is available from Mr. R. G. Power, P.O. Box 99, Hudson Heights, Quebec, J0P 1J0. Telephone - Home (514) 458-7368 or Office (514) 457-9000.

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Trade Center, Tokyo. Canadian Commissioner: Dr. F. G. Stulberg, 577 Kingston Rd., Toronto, Ontario M4E 1R3.

OCTOBER 25 - NOVEMBER 2 — ROC-PEX TAIPEI '81, The 1981 Philatelic Exhibition in celebration of the 70th anniversary of the founding of the Republic of China (Taiwan), at the Postal Savings Banks' Building, Taipei. Details available from: Canadian Commissioner, Michael Madesker, 565 Alness St., Downsview, Ont. M3J 2T8.

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- 1982 — Victoria, B.C., by the Greater Victoria Philatelic Society in early spring.
- 1983 — Oakville, Ont., by the Oakville Stamp Club in May.
- 1984 — Québec City by La Société Philatélique de Québec.
- 1985 — No location yet.
- 1986 — Chicago, Illinois, at **AMERIPEX '86**, Chicago International Philatelic Exhibition, May 23 - June 1.
- 1987 — No location yet.
- 1988 — No location yet.
- 1989 — Toronto, Ontario at **CAPEX '89**.

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Après plusieurs rencontres privées, les mordus de l'histoire postale se sont réunis à Sherbrooke, Qué. le 31 mai 1980, à l'occasion de l'exposition provinciale Philabec 80, et ont tenu l'assemblée de fondation de la Société d'Histoire postale du Québec.

Plus de vingt amateurs étaient présents dont, bien sûr, Cimon Morin, le Père Anatole Walker, bien connu pour ses recherches sur l'histoire postale des Cantons de l'Est, Ivor Whitehouse, Max Rosenthal et bien d'autres représentant les régions de Montréal, Québec, Sherbrooke, Victoria-ville, etc. . . Ils étaient accompagnés des bons vœux de Me Guy des Rivières, alors en voyage à Calgary pour assister au congrès annuel de la Société Royale de Philatélie du Canada.

Deux heures de discussion animée ont conduit à l'adoption de "La Société d'Histoire Postale du Québec" en tant que nom officiel de la Société, à la fixation à 10.00\$ du montant de la cotisation annuelle et à l'élection du conseil d'administration provisoire composé de Jean-Pierre Delwasse, président, Marc Beaupré, secrétaire et Louis-Philippe Gilbert, trésorier, tous trois de Québec.

Il fut également longuement question des objectifs de la Société, lesquels peuvent se résumer de la façon suivante:

- 1.- Le regroupement des amateurs de l'histoire postale du Québec.
- 2.- La promotion de l'histoire postale du Québec comme sujet d'intérêt philatélique.
- 3.- L'encouragement de la recherche en histoire postale.
- 4.- L'encouragement et le support de publications francophones sur les résultats des recherches en histoire postale.

5.- La composition d'un fonds documentaire de support à la recherche à la recherche en histoire postale.

Il fut également convenu que ces objectifs seraient prioritairement attachés à l'histoire postale de la province de Québec et du Bas Canada.

En ce qui concerne les règlements, après avoir retenu les grandes lignes directrices, il a été convenu d'en confier la rédaction au conseil d'administration provisoire pour discussion et adoption lors d'une assemblée générale spéciale tenue avant le 1er octobre 1980.

A cette occasion, aura également lieu l'élection du conseil d'administration définitif. La Société sera incorporée en vertu de la troisième partie de la Loi sur les compagnies du Québec.

La Société d'Histoire Postale du Québec compte actuellement vingt-deux membres et est prête à s'enrichir de tous les amateurs d'histoire postale qui s'intéressent au berceau du Canada, d'où qu'ils soient.

Pour toute autre information supplémentaire, écrire à:

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THE LATEST BORN IN THE PHILATELIC FAMILY: LA SOCIÉTÉ D'HISTOIRE POSTALE DU QUÉBEC.

¹ After several private meetings, postal history lovers met in Sherbrooke, P.Q. on May 1980 at the provincial stamp show Philabec 80, to form a Postal History Society in Quebec.

More than twenty collectors were present among whom were Cimon Morin,

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Christmas 1970. **Upper row** (l-r) Sc. 523, 522, 519, 520, 521. **Middle row** (l-r) Sc. 527, 524, 526, 525, 527. **Bottom:** Sc. 529 (10¢), 530 (15¢).

The previous articles on this topic have been concerned with older Canadian artists, many of whom are no longer with us. It is now time to give credit to the younger generation whose work has appeared on our stamps.

When we think of Christmas, we think of children. There might be some debate about the "Xmas 1898" on the Imperial Penny Postage issue (Sc.85,86) but it is generally accepted that the first Canadian

Christmas stamps were issued in 1964 (Sc.434,435). They depict a family complete with children and were designed, engraved and printed by the Canadian Bank Note Company Limited, Ottawa.

The first Canadian stamps whose designs were based upon the art work of children were those of the Christmas issue of 1970. The designs of these stamps were selected from the entries in a Canada-wide competition. The winners were:

5¢ (232,800M printed se tenant)

Artist	Age	Residence	Sc. No.	Design
Anthony Martin	5	Amaranth, Man.	519	Elfish Santa Claus
Donna Niskala	9	Macrorie, Sask.	520	Horse Drawn Sleigh
Lisa Wilson	8	Kamloops, B.C.	521	Nativity
Dwayne Durham	7	Fort Erie, Ont.	522	Ski Scene
Manon Lecompte	10	Laprairie, Qué.	523	Two Snowmen

6¢ (141,900M se tenant)

Artist	Age	Residence	Sc. No.	Design
Janet McKinney	8	Saint John, N.B.	524	New-born Christ
Jean Pomperleau	8	St. Paul, Alta.	525	Christmas Tree
Nancy Whately	10	Armada, N.S.	526	Toy Shop
Eugene Battacharya	7	St. John's, Nfld.	527	Santa Claus
Joseph MacMillan	12	Summerville, P.E.I.	528	Church
10¢ (28,725M printed)				
Corinne Fortier	10	St. Léon, Man.	529	Christ Child
15¢ (22,000M printed)				
Janis Dojack	10	Flin Flon, Man.	530	Snowmobiles & Trees

The 1970 competition proved so successful that a second design competition, with the theme "What Christmas Means to Me" was held to select designs for the 1975 Christmas stamps.



Sc. 677, 676.



Sc. 674, 675.

Christmas 1975



Sc. 679.



Sc. 678.

The winning designs were those of the following children:

6¢ (134 million printed se tenant)

Artist	Age	Residence	Sc.No.	Design
Gillian Kelly	6	Victoria, B.C.	674	Santa Claus
Bill Cawsey	11	Regina, Sask.	675	Skater

8¢ (113 million printed se tenant)

Artist	Age	Residence	Sc. No.	Design
Danielle Hébert	12	Coaticook, Qué.	676	Child
Lorraine Caldwell	7	Scarborough, Ont.	677	Family & Tree
10¢ (17 million printed)				
Debbie Lovely	12	Perth, N.B.	678	Gift
15¢ (19 million printed)				
Robert Kowalski	11	Toronto, Ont.	679	Trees

Another success story involving the original work of a young Canadian artist directed toward specific stamp designs is that of Peter Swan.

Swan is a 39 year old native of Greenock, Scotland who moved to London, England at the age of 15. He later studied at the Glasgow School of Art after which he returned to London to 'set the world on fire with my painting'. But his chief preoccupation with art, at first, was stripping the paint from antique furniture'. He made two trips to the United States and, on his third visit to North America in 1968, arrived, flat broke, in Canada.

After working for eight months as a factory labourer, he married and went back to London - to strip antiques. A year later he and his wife were back in Toronto with the first of their two children. He finally obtained a job pasting up layouts of a magazine whose Art Director told him that "No one can make a living as an illustrator in Canada". Nevertheless, during his 18 months with the magazine, he illustrated several articles and other magazines began asking about him. So he left in 1972 to work on his own and his minutely - detailed realistic paintings have appeared in several Canadian magazines.

If you want to know what Peter Swan looks like, the face of the figure on the right of Sc.619 is his. This stamp which depicts the landing of Scottish settlers from the ship Hector in Pictou County, Nova Scotia, was issued on July 20, 1973 - a little ahead of time - to commemorate the bicentennial of the arrival, on September 15, 1773, of almost 200 Scottish settlers aboard the sailing ship Hector. The appearance of Indians through the trees so terrified these pioneers that it took them



Sc. 619 designed by Peter Swan.

two days to muster their courage and march on shore with swirling kilts and skirling bagpipes. This sight must have frightened the Micmac Indians more than they had apparently frightened the Scots 48 hours earlier.

The Hector's passengers were the first in the wave of Scottish immigrants who flooded in for the next 50 years to settle large parts of Nova Scotia, Prince Edward Island, New Brunswick and Eastern Ontario and began the fishing, farming and lumbering trades that have grown into today's giant industries. The event was marked in 1973 by carnivals and festivals all across Nova Scotia.

Swan's more recent philatelic work, the Anne of Green Gables stamp (Sc.658), is also related to the Maritime region but is of a less dramatic nature. On May 15, 1975, a little late, Canada Post issued that stamp to commemorate the centenary of the birth of Anne's creator, Lucy Maude Montgomery (1874-1942). This is not the place to even attempt to write about the book or the author as both are so well known.

On the same day, May 15, 1975, and



Sc. 658 by Peter Swan. Sc. 659, Maria Chapdelaine and 653, "Village in the Laurentian Mountains" by Clarence A. Gagnon.

issued se tenant with the Anne of Green Gables stamp, a second stamp (Sc.659) was issued to commemorate another well loved Canadian author, Louis Hémon (1880-1913), whose best known work (in English version) is Maria Chapdelaine, that other young heroine of Canadian literature. The illustration used for the stamp had been prepared by Clarence A. Gagnon for the 1934 de luxe edition of the book.

Another of Clarence Gagnon's paintings, 'Village in the Laurentian Mountains' had been reproduced on the 15¢ Christmas stamp of 1974 (Sc.653).

Gagnon (1881-1942) was born and died in Montreal. He was the son of Alphonse Gagnon whose ancestors had come to Canada in 1643. Like A. Y. Jackson of the Group of Seven, Gagnon studied under William Brymmer at the Art Association of Montreal between 1897 and 1900. He also studied under Jean Paul Laurens at the Julian Academy in Paris (1904-05) where he gained a considerable reputation as an etcher. Some of his work was awarded honourable mention in the Paris Salon.

Back in Canada in 1900 he began sketching the rural Québec scenes for which he is famous. He was also elected ARCA in 1909 and RCA in 1921.

In his Paris studio he prepared his fine illustrations for Louis Frédéric Rouquette's "Le grand Silence blanc" (1928) and for what became Sc.659. He returned to Canada in 1936 and painted the illustrations for W. H. Blake's "Brown Waters" in 1940.

Gagnon did much to stimulate French Canadian handicrafts. His paintings and etchings hang in many public collections in Canada and abroad.

(Other Swann stamps designs are those of the 1975 stamps (Sc.664-666) for the track and field events and the 1976 stamps (Sc.681-683) for the Opening Ceremonies of the Montréal Olympic Games. Ed.) □

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From The Past

Canadian Dealers of the Seventies

The following piece has been taken from Popular Stamps, September 1942. It is self-explanatory and shows that only 37 years after the introduction of the first adhesive postage stamp, collecting was well established in Canada.

Those of you who like history with your stamps may be interested in the following list of Canadian stamp dealers as listed in The International Stamp Directory, published by Richey, Bell and Co., 427 Brunswick St., Halifax, N.S., in 1877.

The directory undertook to list some 1000 collectors and 200 dealers from all countries. Not only did it list dealers that they could recommend, but also the irresponsible, and warned their readers against dealing with the latter class. Canada dealers all had a clean bill of health and were as follows:

Halifax, N.S. — Hills, Sternes & Co., Box 371; Richley, Bell & Co., 427 Brunswick St., Box 547; Trider, Wm. A., Box 491.

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Brockville, Ont. — R. J. Turnbull, Box 54.

Carlton, N.B. — Taylor, H. J., Box 53.

Charlottetown, P.E.I. — Lauson, Wm.; Lathern, Simpson, care of Rev. John Lathern.

Collingwood, Ont. — McCallum, H. Box 7.

Elvia, Ont. — Dunn, H. L.

Fredericton, N.B. — Devict, F. B., Brunswick Street; Moore, Robt., St. John Street.

Guelph, Ont. — Hignall, Albert.

Montreal — Canadian Stamp Co.; Crescent Stamp Co., Box 1247; Patterson, A.

Middle Sackville — Morice, F. H.; Provincial Stamp Co.

Ottawa — Ottawa Stamp Co.

Port Hope, Ont. — Chancer, Erastus

Quebec — Bellew, H. C., Box 852.

St. John, N.B. — McGiven, J. H., Box 406; New Brunswick Stamp Co.; Scoval, R. B., Box 155.

Toronto, Ont. — Amateur Stamp Co., Box 782; Berry, Wm., 134 Richmond Street; Dominion Bazaar Co.; Dominion Stamp Co., 90 Duchess St.; Excelsior Stamp Co., 15 Christopher Street; Imperial Stamp Co., 192 Sherbourne Street; Leslie, John, Box 997; Moore & Co., W. H.; Ontario Stamp Co., 357 Bathurst Street; Rennie, R., Box 135; Rugg, S. J. & Co., 189 Centre Street; Golden Star Stamp Co., Box 1047; McMahon, J. T., Box 782; Toronto Stamp Co., 24 Carlton Street; Williams, W. H., Box 997.

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Canadian Stamp Varieties

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1.0 INTRODUCTION

It is hoped that this column on Canadian stamp varieties will become a regular feature of the **Canadian Philatelist**. There hasn't been a forum that regularly recorded recent Canadian stamps varieties since Ken Pugh stopped writing the column that graced this magazine several years ago. I believe one is sorely needed to allow varieties to be recorded for posterity as they are discovered, to act as a focus for the wide interest in this area, and hopefully to publicize the major varieties so that the specialized Canadian catalogues will list them.

Major and minor plate varieties, fluorescent paper differences, perforation, printing, and tagging freaks, in fact most anything out of the ordinary will be reported. Although the column will devote much of its space to recently issued stamps, it will also report newly discovered varieties on older issues.

Since varieties can appear in any part of the country, readers are invited to write me at the address given above if they find anything unusual. All contributions used will be acknowledged unless anonymity is specifically requested.

2.0 "THIRKELL" PHILATELIC POSITION FINDER

The Thirkell Philatelic Position Finder will be used where possible to describe the location of constant plate flaws. This instrument, shown in Figure 1, consists of a piece of transparent plastic upon which is printed a grid. Squares on the grid are labelled 1 to 17 horizontally and A to T vertically. There are also convenient

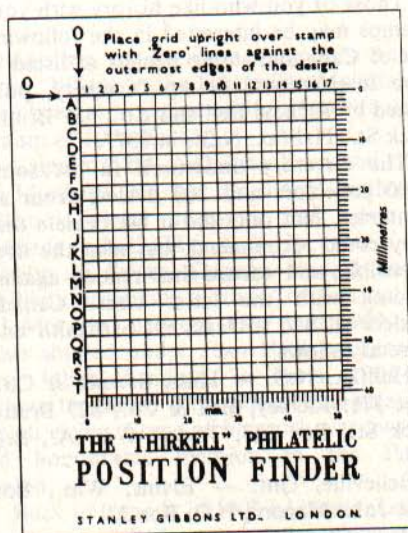


Fig. 1.

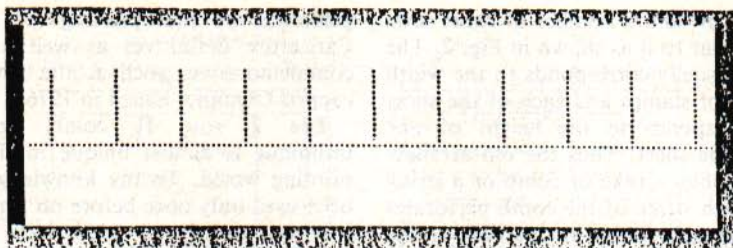
millimetre scales at the bottom and right.

The grid is placed upright over a stamp with the upper left corner of the grid on

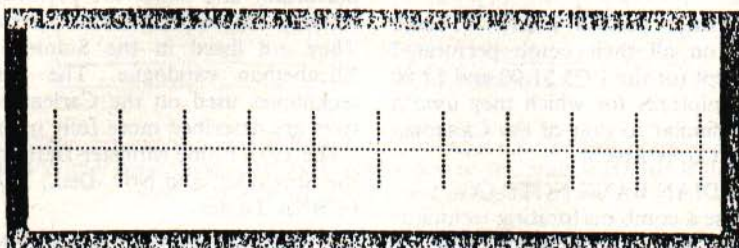
Montréal born, Mr. Beudet began collecting at an early age but only became serious about it 12 years ago.

Besides specializing in Canada, he collects Great Britain (finds Machin definitives fascinating), New Zealand and some other British Commonwealth countries. He is also interested in postal history and is a member of the CPHS.

He is bilingual and will be happy to receive reports of varieties in either French or English.



Ashton-Potter Ltd., Toronto, Ont. Single comb (1 row T comb) perforator. Step and repeat perforating die.



Canadian Bank Note Co., Ltd., Ottawa, Ont. Variation of single comb perforator (1 row H comb perforator). Step and repeat perforating die.



British American Bank Note Co., Ltd., Ottawa, Ont. Cylindrical perforator (variation of harrow perforator). One rotation of the cylinder perforates 2+ panes of stamps.

Fig. 2

top of the upper left corner of the stamp design. The outer grid lines should just touch the outermost edges of the stamp design. The variety is identified by the box or boxes that it falls in (eg: variety B9, scratch F2-G2). Examples of actual varieties are given below.

The Thirkell Philatelic Finder is available from most large stamp stores.

3.0 COMB PERFORATIONS

A few words concerning perforations might be appropriate in view of the recent articles in *Canadian Philatelist* on the subject (see Vol. 30, No. 5, Sept.-Oct., 1979,

pp 300-301, and Vol. 31, No. 3, May-June, 1980, pp 166-167).

Between 1968 and 1972, the 3 companies printing Canadian stamps switched from line to comb perforating techniques; however, each adopted a somewhat different method with characteristics that usually allow them to be readily distinguished.

3.1 ASHTON-POTTER LTD.

Ashton-Potter Ltd. use the traditional comb perforating technique with what I call a "1 row T comb" perforator. Here the pins comprising the comb are arranged

in a long row and a number of short rows perpendicular to it as shown in Fig. 2. The long row usually corresponds to the width of a sheet of stamps and each of the short rows corresponds to the height of one stamp in the sheet. Thus the pin arrangement resembles a rake or comb or a string of T's. Each strike of the comb perforates 3 sides of each stamp in one row of the sheet. After each strike, the sheet is moved one row of stamps in preparation for the next strike.

Ashton-Potter used a 1 row T comb perforator on all their comb perforated stamps except for the 1975 \$1.00 and \$2.00 Olympic sculptures for which they used a perforator similar to that of the Canadian Bank Note Co. (CBNC).

3.2 CANADIAN BANK NOTE CO.

CBNC use a comb perforating technique in which the pins comprising the comb are arranged in a very unusual format to produce what I call a "1 row H comb" perforator. Like the 1 row T comb perforator, the pins are arranged in a long row and a number of short rows perpendicular to it; however, the pins in the short row are positioned on both sides of the long row, usually half above and half below so that the result looks like a double-sided comb or a string of H's. Each half is equal to half the height of one stamp. The pin arrangement is shown in the middle illustration of Fig. 2.

CBNC have used several variations of the 1 row H comb perforator. On some of the very large size stamps such as the 20¢, 25¢, and 50¢ 1976 Olympic Arts and Culture set and the pair of 8¢ 1976 RMC stamps, the H pattern is very asymmetric with 22 pins above the horizontal row and 7 pins below. On many stamps such as the current 17¢ Parliament definitive, there are 15 vertical pins between adjacent horizontal rows. In this case the H obviously must be asymmetric, and in fact there are 7 pins above and 8 pins below the horizontal row. In an even more interesting variation, CBNC used a 2 row H comb perforator in which the pins formed 2 rows of H's, one on top of the other, so that with one strike of the comb two rows were perforated. This comb was used to

perforate the first printings of the 1973 Caricature definitives as well as several commemoratives such as the 20¢ Handicapped Olympics issued in 1976.

The 2 row H comb perforating technique is almost unique in the stamp printing world. To my knowledge, it has been used only once before on some of the low values of the 1960 New Zealand definitive set. Those stamps were printed by Thomas de la Rue using a Chambon perforator and hence the perforations are referred to as Chambon perforations. They are listed in the Stanley Gibbons Elizabethan catalogue. The perforating techniques used on the Caricature definitives are described more fully in an article, "The 1973 Prime Minister Definitives", in the Sept.-Oct. and Nov.-Dec., 1976, issues of *BNA Topics*.

3.3 BRITISH AMERICAN BANK NOTE CO.

British American Bank Note Co. (BABNC) use a perforating technique quite different from either Ashton-Potter or CBNC. Because the perforator is an integral part of the printing press, some knowledge of the printing process is required to understand the method of perforation. BABNC use a web fed press in which the stamps are printed from a large roll of paper which is fed continually into the machine. Ashton-Potter by contrast use a sheet fed press in which sheets of paper are fed into it one at a time.

The stamps are printed from plates which are more correctly called cylinders, the nomenclature used in Great Britain, because they are cylindrical in shape. The printing press can operate with several cylinders at one time to produce multi-colored stamps with just one pass of the paper through the press. The press can also accept a combination of photo-gravure cylinders each of which can print one color at a time and engraved cylinders each of which can print up to three colors. Each cylinder has enough stamp impressions to produce several panes during one revolution. The exact number depends on the stamp size and the number of stamps in the pane. For example, for the small size definitives such as the current 17¢ QE

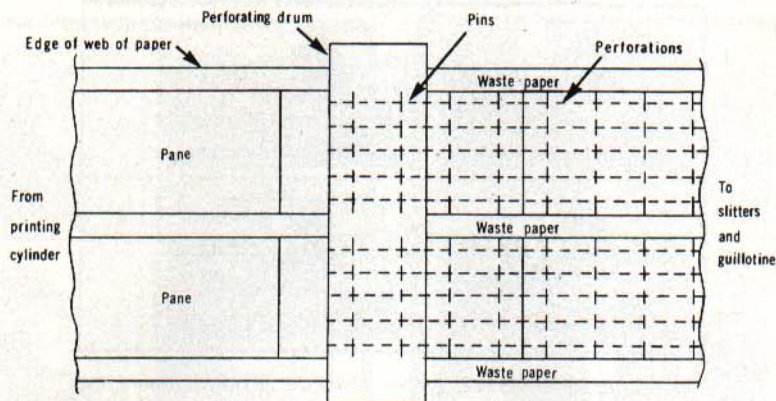


Fig. 3. Diagrammatic plan view of BABNC perforating drum. The web of paper is shown before and after perforating. Dashes represent pins on the drum and holes in the paper. Solid lines indicate how the web is cut into panes.

If definitive with 100 stamps per pane, the cylinder has 600 stamp impressions divided into 6 panes, 2 along its axis by 3 around its circumference. Hence a complete revolution of the cylinder produces 6 panes of stamps. Most commemoratives such as the 1977 Bernier-Fleming pair are twice the size of the small definitives but are issued in panes of 50. Hence the pane size is identical and there are once again 6 pane impressions on the cylinder. The 1972 10¢, 15¢, 20¢, 25¢ and 50¢ Landscape definitives were issued in panes of 100, and in this case the cylinders were comprised of just 300 stamp impressions or 3 panes. The BABNC printing of the \$1.00 in the same set was issued in the same pane size with 50 stamps per pane, so its cylinders had 3 pane impressions as well.

The perforator consists of a cylinder or drum upon which the pins are mounted. It is attached to the printing press after the printing cylinders, and perforates the stamps as the roll of paper passes by on its way to the slitters and guillotine which cut the web into individual panes. The drum has both a linear and a circular motion. It moves in the direction of travel of the paper, and rotates over the paper at the same time to produce the perforations. When it reaches the end of its trajectory,

the drum rises above the web, retracts to its starting position, and starts over again. In one revolution or one strike if you will, it perforates the equivalent of a complete pane in the direction of travel of the web through the printing press. Note however that where there are two (or more) panes along the axis of the cylinder, they are perforated simultaneously by the perforating drum. One could call it a harrow perforator although the term usually refers to a perforator which perforates one pane with one strike. Figure 3 gives a conceptual view of the web of paper being perforated by the drum.

As the web is quillotined, each pane falls on top of the preceding one. Thus for a cylinder with three panes impressions around its circumference, a plate flaw on one of the pane impressions will show up on every third pane in the stack. Where there are two pane impressions along the axis of the cylinder, there will be two stacks of panes only one of which will have panes with the plate flaw. On a sheet fed press such as that used by Ashton-Potter, a number of sheets are stacked together after printing, and the stack is quillotined in one operation so that panes in any one stack will all come from the same sheet position and have the same plate flaws.



Fig. 4. Line perforated \$2 Quebec definitive. At most corners, the perforations meet evenly giving the appearance of comb perforations.

3.4 HOW TO DISTINGUISH PERFORATING TECHNIQUES.

Can we use the knowledge of the perforating techniques to distinguish among them? Although it is usually impossible given just a single stamp, it is possible to tell the techniques apart given a large enough block (preferably a complete pane). This is also true incidentally for distinguishing between comb and line perforated stamps. As is well known, on line perforated stamps the horizontal and vertical perforations meet haphazardly and usually produce an irregular pattern at the corners of the stamp. Occasionally however they may fall in synchronism at a corner and produce an even pattern which could be mistaken for comb perforations as shown in Figure 4.

Comb perforated stamps usually have a regular pattern throughout the pane. However, if there is a misalignment between successive strikes of the comb, an oddly shaped tooth is produced wherever the two strikes meet. This produces oddly shaped teeth along the length of the perforator, and allows one to deduce the direction of travel of the perforator over the pane. For a 1 row T comb perforator, the oddly shaped teeth must occur at a stamp corner. If the misalignment is sufficiently pronounced, the corner will take on the characteristics of a line perforated stamp. Examples of perforation misalignments producing wide and narrow teeth at

the corners are given Figures 5 and 6. An example of a strike so badly misaligned that the stamps look line perforated is given in Figure 7. For all these stamps the direction of travel of the perforator was bottom to top.

The only difference between the 1 row T comb and the 1 row H comb is that the oddly shaped teeth must occur in the middle rather than at the corners, of the stamps. The effect can be quite striking as shown in Figure 8. The stamps illustrated were printed by CBNC using a 1 row H comb perforator travelling in the left-right direction. Of course where an irregular tooth occurs it is repeated for every stamp along the length of the perforator just as for the 1 row T comb perforator.

Two things may be used to distinguish stamps perforated by 1 row and 2 row H combs (or for that matter T combs). The first is that for a 2 row H comb perforator, any misalignments must occur in either the even or the odd stamp rows but not both. Thus if perforation misalignments occur in rows 3 and 8 of a pane, it must have been perforated with a 1 row comb. The second distinguishing feature involves irregularities such as bent or missing pins. For a 1 row comb, the irregularities must repeat in every row of perforations in the direction of travel of the perforator, whereas for a 2 row comb the irregularities will repeat in every second row. Figure 9 shows a portion of a pane perforated with



Fig. 5. Ashton-Potter 1 row T comb perforation. Note the extra wide teeth in the bottom margin.



Fig. 6. Ashton-Potter 1 row T comb perforation. Note the narrow teeth in the bottom margin.



Fig. 7. Ashton-Potter 1 row T comb perforation. Note the line perforation characteristics in the bottom margin.



Fig. 8. CBNC 1 row H comb perforation. Note the wide and narrow teeth (arrow heads) in the horizontal perforations in the middle of the stamps.

a 2 row H comb. Note the pronounced misalignments in the even rows and the regular perforations in all the odd rows.

The method used by BABNC has two characteristics which permit it to be distinguished from the perforators used by Ashton-Potter and CBNC. The first is that there can be at most one perforation misalignment per pane because the pane is completely perforated with just one strike of the comb or more precisely one rotation of the drum. In fact BABNC has arranged things such that the misalignment invariably occurs in the pane margin, and is usually quite obvious as shown by the illustrations on p. 167 of the May-June, 1980, issue of **The Canadian Philatelist**. Incidentally the misalignment allows one to deduce the direction of travel of the stamps through the printing press. For example, the 1972 Landscape definitives travelled in the left-right direction. The second unique characteristic is that any irregularities such as bent or missing pins will occur no more than once per pane. There was a missing pin variety on the 1967 8¢ QE II definitive and the BABNC printings of the 1973 8¢ QE II and 1978 50¢ Street Scenes definitives. On all the 1972 Landscape definitives with the 12.4 x 11.9 perforations, there is a slight irregularity in the horizontal perforations in the lower right pane corner as shown in Figure 10. As it must, this occurs only once per pane. Obviously the same drum was used to perforate all the values. Interestingly, the same irregularity also can be seen on the BABNC printing of the \$1.00 Vancouver definitive as shown in the same figure. BABNC must have used the same drum for this stamp too after first removing alternate columns of vertical pins.

Some of my information on perforating techniques comes from a short film, **More Than Just A Pretty Face**, shown at the National Postal Museum. This film is highly recommended for anyone interested in stamp printing methods and how varieties occur.

4.0 1980 O CANADA MINIATURE PANE.

The O Canada miniature pane was prin-



Fig. 9. CBNC 1 row T comb perforation. The arrows indicate the pronounced misalignments in the even rows only.

ted by Ashton-Potter using 6 color lithography and perforated left to right with a 12.4 by 12.4 1 row T comb. Two papers with quite distinct fluorescence



Fig. 10. BABNC 'harrow' perforation. Note the misalignment caused by a bent pin in the fourth hole from the right margin in the bottom row of horizontal perforations.



exist on both philatelic and field stock.

I discovered panes from the UL position in field stock with 'phantom inscriptions' in the other three corners. In the UR corner, the 'I' of 'Issued' and most of 'Emission' is distinguishable, in the LL corner parts of 'eleb' of 'celebrate', 'Da' of 'Day', and 'Em . . . celeb . . . t' of 'Emission celebrant' are visible, and in the LR corner parts of 'celebrate' and 'Emission celebrant' are barely observable. In addition, there is a small white dot in the moustache of the leftmost fellow on every one of the '3 composers' stamps of the pane (Thirkell E3). The only other places I have seen this constant plate

variety are on an UR plate block of 4 used on a FDC and in prepacks of singles. It is rather curious that the white dot variety does not occur on all panes since similar repeating flaws such as the 'tear in tent' on the 7¢ 1971 Paul Kane stamp and the 'extra medallion' on the 10¢ 1976 Iroquoian Encampment stamp do occur on all panes. I would venture to guess that when Ashton-Potter first made the plate, the company put inscriptions in all four corners of each pane. At the request of the postal authorities they removed three of the inscriptions, but traces nevertheless remained. During the print run either they reworked the black plate to remove the remaining traces as well as the red plate to remove the white dot variety, or they used more than one plate during the print run. Although pure conjecture on my part, this does appear to be a plausible explanation. Does anyone have other examples of the 'phantom inscriptions' from the UL or any other position? Incidentally there is a small violet or black dot in the bottom margin of stamp 4/2 (ie: row 4, column 2) between the bottom two musical notes (Thirkell G10).

I also have a used copy on piece from

the Toronto area with a tagging freak consisting of a vertical smear of phosphor 30 mm wide in the middle of the stamp. It came from the right edge of the pane.

5.0 1980 JOHN DIEFENBAKER

The 17¢ John Diefenbaker commemorative was printed by CBNC using 1 color engraving, and perforated top-bottom with a 13.2 by 13.2 1 row H comb. Both philatelic and field stock can be found on two easily distinguishable fluorescent papers.

A fair number of 1 bar tagged specimens were found. In most cases it is just barely 1 bar, the largest shift being 3.2 mm with respect to the perforations. To produce the 1 bar tagged variety, a shift of at least 2.2 mm must occur. Shifts were found both to the left and right of the vertical perforations.

I would like to acknowledge the help of Frank Smith who made some of the discoveries mentioned in this article and supplied some of the stamps illustrated.

VARIETIES REPORTED:

"O Canada" issue

Richard Fournier, Vancouver, B.C. reports the following for the O Canada miniature sheet, post office pane (field stock) with the legend in the UR position.

Stamp 6 (2/1) has a small doughnut (0.5 mm) Thirkell E9/10 (right on the grid line) and a large doughnut (1 mm) Thirkell E10.

Mr. Fournier calls it "Weeping Wier". He found identical flaws on four additional sheets in the Burns Lake, B.C. post office and wonders if any other collectors in the Burns Lake area found them also.

Stuart A. Clark, Winnipeg, Man. reports yet another doughnut on this issue. It is at Thirkell B12 (just below the 17) on stamp 3 (1/3). This was from field stock only. He has additional copies available at face value. □



Fig. 11. "Weeping Weir" from British Columbia.



Fig. 12. Doughnut (hicky) from Winnipeg.

(Diagram by author,
photographs by Guelphoto)

GENERAL BY-LAWS of THE ROYAL PHILATELIC SOCIETY OF CANADA

as revised to May 31, 1974

BY-LAW No. 1

A By-Law relating generally to the conduct of the affairs of THE ROYAL PHILATELIC SOCIETY OF CANADA.

BE IT ENACTED AND IT IS HEREBY ENACTED as a By-Law of THE ROYAL PHILATELIC SOCIETY OF CANADA (hereinafter called the "Corporation") as follows:

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1. The head office of the Corporation shall be in the City of Ottawa in the Province of Ontario and at such place therein as the directors of the Corporation may from time to time by resolution determine.

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2. The seal, an impression whereof is stamped in the margin hereof, shall be the seal of the Corporation.

MEMBERS

3. There shall be four classes of membership in the Corporation:

- (a) Fellows, who shall be elected from time to time as may be prescribed by regulation of the board of directors;
- (b) Life members, who have been or shall be heretofore or hereafter elected as such by the board of directors

upon payment of a fee of \$100 or such greater sum as may be fixed from time to time by the board of directors;

- (c) Members, who shall be persons who as at the date hereof are members in good standing of the Corporation and such persons who hereafter comply with the prescribed requirements for entrance as members and whose nominations are not objected to by at least three members of the Corporation within thirty (30) days after publication of any application for membership; and
- (d) Chapters, who shall be such societies who comply with the prescribed requirements for affiliation as Chapters and who pay an annual fee of \$5 or such other amount as may from time to time be fixed by the board of directors.

4. The annual Membership dues which shall be payable by Fellows under paragraph 3 (a) hereof and Members under paragraph 3 (c) hereof shall be the sum of \$6 or such other amount as may from time to time be fixed by the board of directors with the concurrence of the members at any annual, special or general meeting of the members. Any membership dues or chapter fee shall be due and payable when notice of the same is sent to a member by ordinary mail, postage prepaid.

5. Any member may resign from the Corporation provided that no money is owed to the Corporation by such member at the date of his resignation.

6. The board of directors may terminate or suspend the membership of any member for any cause that in its absolute discretion it considers proper including failure to pay any dues or fee as above provided within sixty (60) days of the mailing or notice thereof.

7. The interest of a member in the Corporation is not transferable or assignable in any way and lapses and ceases to exist upon his death or when his period of membership expires or when he ceases to be a member by resignation or otherwise in accordance with the by-laws of the Corporation.

DIRECTORS

8. The affairs of the Corporation shall be managed by a board of fourteen (14) directors who may exercise all such powers and do all such acts and things as may be exercised or done by the Corporation and are not by the by-laws of the Corporation or by statute expressly directed or required to be done by the Corporation at a general meeting of members.

9. Every director shall be twenty-one or more years of age and shall be a member of the Corporation. Not more than two directors at any one time may be residents of a country other than Canada.

10. The directors' term of office shall (subject to the provision, if any, of the letters patent or supplementary letters patent of the Corporation) be from the date of the meeting at which they are elected, or appointed until the annual meeting next following or until their successors are elected or appointed. So long as a quorum of directors remains in office any vacancy occurring in the board of directors may be filled for the remainder of the term by such directors as remain in office.

11. The office of a director of the Corporation shall ipso facto be vacated:

- (a) If he becomes bankrupt or suspends payment or compounds with his creditors or makes an authorized assignment or is declared insolvent;
- (b) If he is found to be a lunatic or becomes of unsound mind;
- (c) If he is convicted of any criminal offence;
- (d) If by notice in writing to the Corporation he resigns his office; and
- (e) If he ceases to be a member of the Corporation.

12. In order for a person to be eligible for election as a director a nomination for such person must be filed with the Secretary at least thirty (30) days prior to the date of the annual meeting.

13. Election of directors shall not be by ballot unless demanded. The whole board shall retire at the annual meeting at which directors are to be elected but shall be eligible for re-election if otherwise qualified. A director retiring at a general meeting shall retain office until the dissolution or adjournment of such meeting unless such meeting was called for the purpose of removing him from office as a director in which case the director so removed shall vacate office forthwith upon the passing of the resolution for his removal.

14. The directors shall serve without remuneration and no director shall directly or indirectly receive any profit from his position as such; provided that a director may be paid reasonable expenses incurred by him in the performance of his duties.

MEETINGS OF DIRECTORS

15. Meetings of the board of directors may be held as the directors may from time to time determine. A meeting of directors may be convened by the President or a Vice-President or any two directors at any time and the Secretary by direction of the President or a Vice-President or any two directors shall convene a meeting of directors. Notice of any such meeting shall be delivered or mailed or telegraphed or cabled to each director not less than two days (exclusive of the day on

which the notice is delivered or mailed or telegraphed or cabled but inclusive of the day for which notice is given) before the meeting is to take place; provided always that meetings of the board of directors may be held at any time without formal notice if all the directors are present or those absent have waived notice or have signified their consent in writing to the meeting being held in their absence. Notice of any meeting or any irregularity in any meeting or the notice thereof may be waived by any director.

For the first meeting of the board of directors to be held immediately following the election of directors at a general meeting of the members or for a meeting of the board of directors at which a director is elected or appointed to fill a vacancy in the board, no notice of such meeting shall be necessary to the newly elected or appointed director or directors in order legally to constitute the meeting, provided that a quorum of the directors be present.

16. Four (4) of the directors shall form a quorum for the transaction of business. Questions arising at any meeting of directors shall be decided by a majority of votes. In case of an equality of votes the Chairman of the meeting in addition to his original vote shall have a second or casting vote.

17. A resolution signed by a majority of the directors shall be as valid and effectual as if it had been passed at a meeting of the directors duly called and constituted.

PROTECTION OF DIRECTORS

18. Every director or officer of the Corporation or other person who has undertaken or is about to undertake any liability on behalf of the Corporation and their heirs, executors and administrators, and estate and effects, respectively, shall from time to time and at all times, be indemnified and saved harmless, out of the funds of the Corporation, from and against

- (a) all costs, charges and expenses whatsoever which such director, officer or other person sustains or incurs in

or about any action, suit or proceeding which is brought, commenced or prosecuted against him for or in respect of any act, deed, matter or thing whatsoever, made, done or permitted by him in or about the execution of the duties of his office or in respect of any such liability;

- (b) all other costs, charges and expenses which he sustains or incurs in or about or in relation to the affairs thereof, except such costs, charges or expenses as are occasioned by his own wilful neglect or default.

No director or officer for the time being of the Corporation shall be liable for the acts, receipts, neglects or defaults of any other director or officer or employee or for joining in any receipt or act for conformity or for any loss, damage or expense happening to the Corporation through the insufficiency or deficiency of title to any property acquired by order of the board of directors for or on behalf of the Corporation or for the unsufficiency or deficiency of any security in or upon which any of the moneys of or belonging to the Corporation shall be placed out or invested or for any loss or damage arising from the bankruptcy, insolvency or tortious act of any person, firm or corporation with whom or which any moneys, securities or effects shall be lodged or deposited or for any other loss, damage or misfortune whatever which may happen in the execution or supposed execution of the duties of his respective office or trust or in relation thereto unless the same shall happen by or through his own wilful act or his own wilful default.

MEETINGS OF MEMBERS

19. The annual meeting of the members shall be held at any place within Canada on such day in each year and at such time as the directors may by resolution determine when there shall be presented a report of the proceedings of the previous year, a financial statement of the Corporation and the auditor's report to the members.

20. Other meetings of the members may be convened by order of the President or a Vice-President or by the board of directors at any date and time and at any place.

21. Only members under paragraph 3 (a), 3 (b), and 3 (c) hereof shall be eligible to receive notice or to vote at any meeting of the members of the Corporation.

NOTICE OF MEETING OF MEMBERS

22. A printed, written or typewritten notice stating the day, hour and place of meeting and the general nature of the business to be transacted shall be delivered or sent through the post, postage prepaid, to each member entitled to notice of meetings of members at least ten (10) days (exclusive of the day of mailing but inclusive of the day for which notice is given) before the date of every meeting directed to the address of each such member as it appears in the records of the Corporation or if no address is given therein then to the last address of each such member known to the Secretary; provided always that any such notice may be inserted in an issue of *The Canadian Philatelist* so long as the same is mailed to members within the ten-day period hereinbefore set out. Notice of any meeting or any irregularity in any meeting or in the notice thereof may be waived by any member.

23. The accidental omission to give notice of any meeting or the non-receipt of any notice by any member or members shall not invalidate any resolution passed or any proceedings taken at any meeting.

VOTING AT MEETINGS OF MEMBERS

24. Every question submitted to any meeting of members shall be decided by a majority of votes and in case of an equality of votes the Chairman shall have a second or casting vote.

At any meeting unless a poll is demanded a declaration by the Chairman that a resolution has been carried or carried

unanimously or by a particular majority or lost or not carried by a particular majority shall be conclusive evidence of the fact.

In the absence of the President and every Vice-President who is a director the members present shall choose another director as Chairman and if no director is present or if all the directors present decline to act as Chairman the members present shall choose one of their number to be Chairman.

If at any meeting a poll is taken on the election of a chairman or on the question of adjournment it shall be taken forthwith without adjournment. If a poll is demanded on any other question it shall be taken in such manner and either at once or after adjournment as the Chairman directs. The result of a poll shall be deemed to be the resolution of the meeting at which the poll was demanded. A demand for a poll may be withdrawn.

The Chairman may with the consent of any meeting adjourn the same from time to time and no notice of such adjournment need be given to the members. Any business may be brought before or dealt with at any adjourned meeting which might have been brought before or dealt with at the original meeting in accordance with the notice calling the same.

QUORUM FOR MEETINGS OF MEMBERS

25. The presence of two members shall be a quorum of any meeting of members for the choice of a Chairman and the adjournment of the meeting; for all other purposes the presence of ten (10) members in person or by proxy shall be necessary to constitute a quorum. No business shall be transacted at any meeting unless the requisite quorum be present at the commencement of business.

PROXIES

26. Votes may be given either personally or by proxy. At every meeting at which he is entitled to vote, every member entitled

to vote present in person shall have one vote on a show of hands. Upon a poll at which he is entitled to vote every member present in person or by proxy shall (subject to the provisions, if any, of the letters patent or any supplementary letters patent) have one vote.

An instrument appointing a proxy shall be in writing under the hand of the appointor or his attorney duly authorized in writing.

No person shall act as a proxy unless he is entitled on his own behalf to be present and vote at the meeting at which he acts as proxy.

An instrument appointing a proxy shall be in the following form or in any other form of which the directors shall approve:

The undersigned member of THE ROYAL PHILATELIC SOCIETY OF CANADA hereby appoints

.....
of as the proxy of the undersigned to vote and act for the undersigned and on behalf of the undersigned at the

.....
meeting of the members of the Corporation to be held on the

..... day of

....., 19.... and at any adjournment thereof.

Dated this day of 19.....

SIGNATURE OF MEMBER

The directors may from time to time make regulations regarding the lodging of instruments appointing a proxy at some place or places other than the place at which a meeting or adjourned meeting of members is to be held and for particulars of such instruments to be cabled or telegraphed or sent in writing before the meeting or adjourned meeting to the

Company or any agent of the Company for the purpose of receiving such particulars and providing that instruments appointing a proxy so lodged may be voted upon as though the instruments themselves were produced at the meeting or adjourned meeting and votes given in accordance with such regulations shall be valid and shall be counted.

OFFICERS

27. The board of directors shall annually or oftener as may be required elect a President and appoint one or more Vice-Presidents, a Secretary, a Treasurer and if deemed advisable may appoint annually or oftener as may be required one or more Assistant Secretaries and/or one or more Assistant Treasurers and one or more Directors of Sales, Editors and Librarians and such members of such local advisory committees as the board of directors may decide. None of the said officers except the President need be a member of the board of directors. The offices of Secretary and Treasurer may be in the discretion of the directors be held by the same person who may but need not be known as the Secretary-Treasurer. The directors may appoint such other officers and agents as they shall deem necessary who shall have such authority and shall perform such duties as may from time to time be prescribed by the directors.

28. The board of directors may fix the remuneration (if any) to be paid to officers of the Corporation who are not directors. All officers in the absence of agreement to the contrary shall be subject to removal by resolution of the board of directors at any time with or without cause.

29. In case of the absence or inability to act of the President, a Vice-President or any other officer of the Corporation or for any other reason that the board may deem sufficient, the board may delegate all or any of the powers of such officer to any other officer or to any director for the time being, provided that a majority of the board of directors concur therein.

30. The President shall be the chief executive officer of the Corporation, and shall, if present, preside at all meetings of the directors and members, he shall sign such contracts, documents or instruments in writing as require his signature and shall perform all duties incident to his office and shall have such other powers and duties as may from time to time be assigned to him by the board.

31. The Vice-President or, if more than one, the Vice-Presidents in order of seniority, shall be vested with all the powers and shall perform all the duties of the President in the absence or disability or refusal to act of the President, provided, however, that a Vice-President who is not a director shall not preside as Chairman at any meeting of members. The Vice-President shall sign such contracts, documents or instruments in writing as require his or their signature and shall also have such other powers and duties as from time to time be assigned to him or them by the board.

32. The Secretary shall give or cause to be given notices for all meetings of the board of directors and members when directed so to do and shall have charge of the minute books of the Corporation and other records of the Corporation. He shall sign such contracts, documents or instruments in writing as require his signature and shall perform all duties incident to his office or that are properly required of him by the board.

33. The Treasurer shall have the care and custody of all the funds and securities of the Corporation and shall deposit the same in the name of the Corporation in such bank or banks or with such depository or depositories as the board of directors may direct. He shall keep or cause to be kept proper books of account or accounting records. He shall sign such contracts, documents or instruments in writing as require his signature and shall perform all duties incident to his office or that are properly required of him by the board. He may be required to give such bond for the faithful performance of his duties as the

board of directors in their uncontrolled discretion may require and no director shall be liable for failure to require any bond or for the insufficiency of any bond or for any loss by reason of the failure of the Corporation to receive any indemnity thereby provided.

34. The Assistant Secretary or, if more than one, the Assistant Secretaries in order of seniority, and the Assistant Treasurer or, if more than one, the Assistant Treasurers in order of seniority, shall respectively perform all the duties of the Secretary and Treasurer, respectively, in the absence or inability to act of the Secretary or Treasurer as the case may be. The Assistant Secretary or Assistant Secretaries, if more than one, and the Assistant Treasurer or Assistant Treasurers, if more than one, shall sign such contracts, documents or instruments in writing as require his or their signatures respectively and shall perform all duties that are properly required of them by the board.

35. The Director of Sales or, if more than one, the Directors of Sales, shall have charge of the sales of stamps of members of the Corporation who submit stamps to him or them for sale and shall be governed by such rules and regulations as the board of directors may from time to time determine. He may be required to give such bond for the faithful performance of his duties as the board of directors in their uncontrolled discretion may require and no director shall be liable for failure to require any bond or for the insufficiency of any bond or for any loss by reason of the failure of the Corporation to receive any indemnity thereby provided.

36. The Editor, or if more than one, the Editors, shall have charge of the publication of *The Canadian Philatelist*, and shall be governed by such rules and regulations as the board of directors may from time to time determine.

37. The Librarian or, if more than one, the Librarians, shall have charge of the books of reference and other literature

belonging to the library of the Corporation and shall lend books to members in accordance with such rules and regulations as the board of directors may from time to time determine.

38. Members of local advisory committees shall perform all such duties as may from time to time be properly required of them by the board.

39. The board of directors may from time to time appoint an Executive Manager and may delegate to him full authority to manage and direct the business and affairs of the Corporation (except such matters and duties as by law must be transacted or performed by the board of directors or by the members in general meeting) and to employ and discharge agents and employees of the Corporation or may delegate to him any lesser power. He shall conform to all lawful orders given to him by the board of directors of the Corporation. He shall at all reasonable times give to the directors or any of them all information they may require regarding the affairs of the Corporation.

The board of directors may from time to time appoint one or more Associate Executive Managers who shall assist the Executive Manager and shall perform such other duties as may from time to time be assigned to him or them by the directors.

40. If the office of the President, Vice-President, Secretary, Assistant Secretary, Treasurer, Assistant Treasurer, Director or Sales, Editor, Librarian, or members of a local advisory committee or Executive Manager, one or more, shall be or become vacant by reason of death, resignation, disqualification or otherwise the directors by resolution duly passed at any meeting duly called and held may elect or appoint an officer to fill such vacancy.

VOTING SHARES AND SECURITIES

41. All of the shares or other securities carrying voting rights of any company or corporation held from time to time by the

Corporation may be voted at any and all meetings of shareholders, bondholders, debenture holders, debenture stock holders or holders of other securities (as the case may be) of such other company or corporation and in such manner and by such person or persons as the board of directors of the Corporation shall from time to time determine.

CUSTODY OF SECURITIES

42. All shares and securities owned by the Corporation shall be lodged (in the name of the Corporation) with a chartered bank or a trust company or in a safety deposit box or, if so authorized by resolution of the board of directors, with such other depositaries or in such other manner as may be determined from time to time by the board of directors.

All share certificates, bonds, debentures, debenture stock certificates, notes or other obligations belonging to the Corporation may be issued or held in the name of a nominee or nominees of the Corporation (and if issued or held in the names of more than one nominee shall be held in the names of the nominees jointly with right of survivorship) and shall be endorsed in blank with endorsement guaranteed in order to enable transfer to be completed and registration to be effected.

CHEQUES, DRAFTS AND NOTES

43. All cheques, drafts or orders for the payment of money and all notes and acceptances and bills of exchange shall be signed by such officer or officers or person or persons, whether or not officers of the Corporation, and in such manner as the board of directors may from time to time designate.

EXECUTION OF INSTRUMENTS

44. Contracts, documents or any instruments in writing requiring the signature of the Corporation may be signed by the

President or a Vice-President and the Secretary or the Treasurer or a director and all contracts, documents and instruments in writing so signed shall be binding upon the Corporation without any further authorization or formality. The board of directors shall have power from time to time by resolution to appoint any officer or officers or any person or persons on behalf of the Corporation either to sign contracts, documents and instruments in writing generally or to sign specific contracts, documents and instruments in writing.

The seal of the Corporation may when required be affixed to contracts, documents and instruments in writing signed as aforesaid or by any officer or officers, person or persons, appointed as aforesaid by resolution of the board of directors.

The term "contracts, documents and instruments in writing" as used herein shall include deeds, mortgages, hypothecs, charges, conveyances, transfers and assignments of property real or personal, immovable or movable, agreements, releases, receipts and discharges for the payment of money or other obligations, conveyances, transfers and assignments of shares, stocks, bonds, debentures or other securities and all paper writings.

In particular without limiting the generality of the foregoing the President or a Vice-President and the Secretary or the Treasurer or a director shall have authority to sell, assign, transfer, exchange, convert or convey any and all shares, stocks, bonds, debentures, rights, warrants or other securities owned by or registered in the name of the Corporation

and to sign and execute (under the corporate seal of the Corporation or otherwise) all assignment, transfers, conveyances, powers of attorney and other instruments that may be necessary for the purpose of selling, assigning, transferring, exchanging, converting or conveying any such shares, stocks, bonds, debentures, rights, warrants or other securities.

FISCAL YEAR

45. The fiscal year of the Corporation shall terminate on the 31st day of December in each year.

AUDITOR

46. An auditor or auditors shall be appointed at each annual meeting of the members of the Corporation, provided that no director or officer of the Corporation shall be eligible to serve as such. Any casual vacancy occurring in the office of the auditor may be filled from time to time by the board of directors. The remuneration of the auditor or auditors (if any) shall be fixed by the board of directors.

INTERPRETATION

47. In all by-laws of the Corporation, the singular shall include the plural and the plural the singular; the word "person" shall include firms and corporations, and the masculine shall include the feminine.

What Is It?

An Answer

by P.T. Bridgeport

At the beginning of the year, my article entitled "What is it?/A Stamp?/A Franking Label?/A Postal Impression?" was published in this journal (Can. Phil., 31(1):47-51, Jan.-Feb. 1980). The title should have read "... A Postal Meter Impression?". The lack of any letters drawing attention to that mistake could lead me to believe that no one read the article.

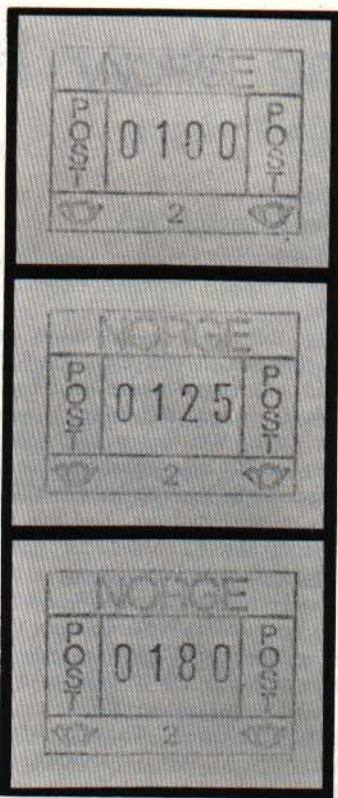
Be that as it may, I have seen information which indicates that once the labels are dispensed from the FRAMA machines, they are essentially postage stamps, in Switzerland at least. A) There they are valid at any time for mail posted in that country. B) They have to be cancelled as if they were the usual postage stamps.

These two conditions set the "stamp" apart from a postal meter impression which, by definition, is considered "used" as soon as it is imprinted. The machine "stamp" is not used until it has been cancelled.

Yes, they are listed in a catalogue. Zumbstein lists them in both mint and used condition. However, neither the 1981 edition of The Amateur Collectors's Stamp Catalogue of Switzerland nor the 1980 edition of Gibbons Catalogue, Part 8, Italy and Switzerland, make any mention of the stamps.

Through the good graces of David Dixon, Canadian Commissioner for Norwex '80, I can show you the three fixed value "machine stamps" which are dispensed from the FRAMA machine (No. 2) which was placed in use at the Oslo Airport (Norway) on December 2, 1978.

If anyone can provide further information on these machine stamps of Switzerland or Norway, or any other country that may be using the FRAMA vending machines, I would appreciate hearing of it.



Norwegian FRAMA machine stamps.

TRADE NOTES

Robson Lowe has announced their auction schedule for the next few months.

- November 18 - London - British Empire
 19 - London - Brunei, Labuan, North Borneo & Sarawak
 25 - Geneva I - Tasmania
 26 - Geneva II - Victoria
 Geneva III - Italian States
 27 - Geneva IV - Greece
 December 3-4 - Bournemouth - General
 5 - Bournemouth - Postal History
 9-10 - London - Europe and Overseas
 16 - London - India
 17 - London - Victoria II.

The Way It Was —

The Editor,
Canadian Philatelic Society,
Toronto, Ontario.

Monday, June 27, 1938

Dear Sir;

Today, Bill and I sat on chairs on the shady verandah. It was a wonderful day, nice and warm, no breeze, not too hot, just right for stamp collecting. It was perfect for June. We had a card table between us and Bill sat opposite to me. He is lucky because he has a Scott's catalogue.

Bill is taller than I am, and has blonde hair. Being slightly older, he has been collecting longer and has, to me at least, a terrific collection of Canadian and Ireland stamps. I envy him! We are school friends, travelling back and forth together each day on our bikes. He belongs to a stamp club and has suggested that he could get me into it as well. The possibility of joining such a club is enough to get anyone excited - not that I have much to trade with - but the prospect of being able to go through the various books and get used copies in good condition of the things you only see in stamp stores, is a terrific idea.

This day is remarkable because the mail arrived after lunch and my stamp order had come from Ottawa. Three weeks ago, we had received a form from the Post Office Department and had gone over it carefully, comparing what was missing from our collections with what was on the list. I had wanted to put down quite a few things that I needed on the sheet and had done so in pencil. However when we had totalled it all up, it had come to quite a bit and each of us had cut down a lot and rubbed out many pencil marks.

We had ordered like this two or three times before and each time it had been with great care, much trepidation, lots of censorship and curbing of desire and ending with a triumph of available funds

over our want lists. We never seem to get caught up either, because there were always new items at the bottom of the Post Office lists that replaced those we ordered. There were also many things that I didn't understand well on the lists such as "Stamp Books, Postal Note Stamps, and Officially Sealed Dead Letter Labels." It would be nice to be able to afford one of everything.

Anyway, here was the order now and it was in a stiff brown envelope. Inside there was a new order form and a part of my older order with those sent to me having a check mark beside them. Gosh, I had ordered a lot, now that I see all the check marks - but there were some stroked out, meaning they were no longer available.

There was a large sheet of sort of waterproof paper in the envelope as well. It was folded so that there were pockets in it and in each folded pocket were my mint stamps.

I should have ordered some of the ones that were stroked out, the last time we sent in the sheets. Someone at the stamp club had told Bill as well that we should order several of each kind each time too and then we would have traders. But, since the money I used comes from my paper route and the magazines I sell, there isn't enough to go around for everything as it is, let alone several of each. Besides I need a new bike tire badly.

I've been trying to catch up with some of the missing items in my collection, but never seem to be able to afford the fifty cent and dollar ones. I need that Scott No. 138 badly as well as the No. 127 dollar orange. The No. 138 is listed as 50¢ King George V 1912-18 Sepia and in Bill's catalogue it already costs a dollar for an "uncancelled specimen." The catalogue is several years old too!

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Postmarked OTTAWA

... HANS REICHE

A
REGULAR
FEATURE

Canada Post's Philatelic Bulletin, Vol. 3, No. 1, has an interesting list of the recent stationery envelopes. Unfortunately the list is far from complete and can be misleading to many collectors of postal stationery. The following regular items are missing from the list as are the endless number of special envelopes which have been issued by the Post Office.

- all 7¢ green envelopes, No. 8 and No. 10.

- the 8¢ envelopes come in tagged and untagged form as well as with and without inside inscriptions. They exist also from Paragon Offset paper as well as from white wove paper. Altogether 12 more types should have been listed.

From March 1979, the 12¢ revalued 15¢ have existed with and without the code. Therefore 15 types are missing from the list. A future article will deal with the postcards and we hope the listing will be complete. New designs to be issued in 1981 are now being developed. They look very attractive.

A very interesting conversation was held recently with the writer and a non-collector living in Canada who was instrumental in preparing and printing the well known German WW2 propaganda and forgery stamps of the designs similar to the British stamps.

This person was one of the few Jewish concentration camp members selected by the German security police to design and manufacture stamps for use against England. The Silver Jubilee and regular British stamps were used as the background and these stamps are listed in Michel as numbers 1 to 8.

In order to determine if the British officials would notice these special stamps, special Nazi envoys were sent to England

and letters were prepared for mailing with these stamps. Similarly British 2 pound banknotes were printed from a master plate of four. These were tried out in Switzerland at large banks with no problems of detection.

The special group that prepared the stamps and banknotes was treated separately in the concentration camps to avoid disclosure of the operation and was moved from one camp to another.

Postal stationery printed for private mailings remains a very interesting subject. Over the last few years a large number of such items have come on the market. Many of them are never classified as such by collectors because sometimes there are only small differences between the officially issued and the privately issued stationery items. For example, a postcard may be imperforated all around or have one or more sides perforated. The latter types are usually for private issues.

The flap of an envelope may have a different shape or the inscription may differ. The Webb catalogue lists some of these stationery items but not all.

A complete up to date listing would be very useful even though it would mean a very large list indeed. It is interesting that a special catalogue for privately issued stationery has been issued for all German material.

The Montreal duplex numeral and letter cancels are well known. The most difficult numbers to find are No. 5 and No. 12 and the letter J. Recently we noted a No. 5 on the 1928/29 issue which is a very late usage. The letter J exists postdated because the hammer was not returned until 1950. □

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Post-Scripts

by Max Rosenthal

The Prelude to Postage Stamps

In the 19th century, leisured people wrote long and detailed letters to each other in a manner which went out of fashion in the next century.

Writing letters was an occupation which took much of the time of ladies especially who, because of the difficulties of transport by land and sea, might be out of touch with friends and relatives for long periods.

Postal charges before 1840 varied with the distance covered, other than by local post, and were paid by the person receiving the letter unless the writer was lucky enough to know a Member of Parliament who would frank the letters.

Because of the severely restricted weight of letters, which had to be carried by horse-drawn mail coaches, and the fact that a letter of more than one sheet was charged double, thin letter paper was used and the lines of writing were often crossed and recrossed. Thus, letters were expensive luxuries, beyond the reach of the poor except in emergencies, even if they knew how to write.

The cost of postage varied from 4d. to 1s. 8d. according to distance. Amongst those of the poor who could write, there was the habit of sending a letter which was refused by the addressee because of the cost which that person had to pay. However, as the handwriting of the sender had been recognized, it conveyed the news that he was alive. Another way of reducing the cost was to give a small bribe to the coach guard to take a letter to its destination and there post it in the local box.

In Mrs. Gaskell's "Wives and Daughters", mention is made that Cynthia Kirkpatrick's cousin wrote to her from London twice a week, the postage on each letter

being 11½d., while Jane Austen in "Sense and Sensibility" makes Marianne send letters to the faithless Willoughby by the 2d. local post, which continued until penny postage began in 1840.

WRITING TOOLS

The pen being used then was the quill, which was trimmed often, a job considered suitable especially for gentlemen, whose pockets always had a pen knife. Steel pens and wooden pen holders had been known and experimented with since 1748, but in 1830 a steel pen cost one shilling. It was not in general use until 1850. After that the pens had metal supports for the fingers to ensure that children would hold their pens correctly. Ink, until 1832, was often homemade from powdered galls mixed with camphor and water and directions for making it were included in cookery books. Henry Stephens, who had been making ink for himself and few friends, began to make it commercially and gradually ink making ceased to be a domestic task.

Blotting paper was being used in 1830 but, although it was known as early as the 15th century, it does not seem to have been used until around 1820 when, by a chance omission of certain ingredients, a batch of paper, thought to be useless, was produced. Someone who was writing a note on a piece of it discovered that the ink soaked in and "Slade's Original Hand Made Blotting" was the result. Before blotting paper, fine sand was dusted on letters to dry them quickly. The new paper took the popular fancy and in 1859 a Mr. Ford, who had married John Slade's niece, began to produce machine-made blotting paper.

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In 1830 and for about 20 years after, letters were sealed by wafers. The seal and wafer box had a place on the writing table. The wafer and the seal were mostly of costly material and in an elegant shape. To make a seal, heat was needed, and a length of thin wax taper, coiled up in a little china or silver container with a hole in the lid through which the end of the taper protruded, was a common item on the writing table. A form of pen wiper was included. Favourite designs were a small beehive with black wool strands inside or a beaded cover with two or three thicknesses of flannel.

Writing interesting letters and elegant short notes was part of a young lady's education. Notes were sent by hand and sheets of paper could be folded into the shape of a cocked hat or into a strip with one end folded over.

PENNY POST

It is said that Rowland Hill instituted the penny post in 1840 because he had seen a poor woman refuse a letter from her son. She could not afford the charge of one shilling. Hill paid the charge but she told him that he should not have because there was only a blank sheet of paper in the letter. She told him that it was useless for her son to write because the postage was beyond her means to pay. When he went away to work, she had arranged with him to send a blank sheet of paper at intervals. She always refused to accept it but, as long as the letters came, she knew that he was well.

Rowland Hill realized what a burden it must be to the poor to have to pay for news of absent relatives, and this was one of the strongest weapons in his struggle to reform the postal system.

Hill had great difficulty in persuading the government to see the advantage of cheap, prepaid postage. He felt that a low single rate would increase volume tremendously, while poorer people - at least those who could write - would get a benefit now only enjoyed by the well-to-do. The Postmaster-General thought it the most extraordinary of all the wild schemes he had ever seen. However, the Cabinet accepted

Hill's scheme in 1839, and in 1840 the penny post was established by Parliament.

In 1839 Rowland Hill spoke of the "little paper bags called envelopes", and William Mulready designed an envelope which was put on the market when the adhesive stamp for Penny Postage was introduced. Mulready's terms of reference were to produce something beautiful, yet so elaborate that forgery would not be possible. The second of these requirements he certainly fulfilled. An unappreciative public greeted Mulready's envelopes with derisive laughter. The envelopes came in for criticism and caricature, such as appeared in the one year old *Punch* in 1842:

*"Hail O Muready! Thou etcher of
penny envelopes!*

*How can we praise the ethereal air of
the garment*

*That hangs down from behind the
shoulder of Mrs. Britannia?*

*What is the thing that is perched on the
top of her helmet?*

*Is it a wasp with its head cut off, stuck
on its tail there?"*

The Mulreadies, as they were called, were withdrawn and a large number destroyed. However, these first illustrated covers soon inspired the "picture envelope", which became very popular for private use and advertising. The first machine making envelopes was invented in 1844 by Messrs. de la Rue, but it was not until 1850 that machine-made envelopes became common.

(These facts also hold true for Canada, except that stamps were not introduced until 1851.)

THE FIRST POSTAGE STAMPS

The now famous "penny black" and the 2d. blue, bearing the sovereign's head, familiarly known as the "Queen's Head", were the first two postage stamps. The Queen must have liked the head, for she remained young on British stamps until 1900. On May 1, 1840 there was "great bustle at the Stamp Office" when, after four years struggle, Rowland Hill's postage stamps - not valid until the 6th - went on sale in London for the first time.

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NEWS

As I sit here waiting the arrival of the press releases for Canada Post's next issues (Christmas - Oct. 22, Military Aircraft - Nov. 10) I can entertain myself with the press releases from the British Post Office, dated Aug. 7, 1980, which give some details of their seven 1980 stamp issues. They even name the designer and motifs of the first three issues!

When this kind of information is available from other countries, some 6 - 8 months in advance of the release dates; Austria goes so far as to provide illustrations of the majority of their future issues as much as one year ahead, one can only wonder what Canada Post's Public Affairs does. It certainly looks as if they are not very interested in attempting to increase interest in Canadian stamps and, as a consequence, increase the sales of new issues to collectors.

Since there has been nothing forthcoming on future issues, we will have to be content with recording the most recent issue.

The last four stamps of the 16 stamp (4 years) series on the Inuit were issued on September 25, 1980.

These Inuit Spirit stamps were designed by Reinhard Derreth of Vancouver and feature prints and sculptures by Inuit artists.

The Canadian Bank Note Company printed 22 million of the 17¢ stamps set in panes of 50 stamps and 13 million of the 35¢ stamps, also set in panes of 50 stamps. They were printed in five colour lithography on coated one side lithography paper, with PVA gum.

These "Spirit" stamps and the previously issued 12, with themes of Hunting, Shelter and Community Life, are available in a 56 page booklet "Singing Songs to the Spirit".



17¢ stamps: **upper**, sculpture **Sedna** by Ashoona Kiawak; **lower**, print **Return of the Sun** by Kenojouak. 35¢ stamps: **upper**, print **Shaman** by Simon Tookoone; **lower**, sculpture **Bird Spirit** by Doris Hagiolok.

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CHRISTMAS 1980

If one waits long enough Canada Post will come up with information on new issues. However, it is October 14th and the PS 14 brochure describing the 1980 Christmas stamps has just arrived. This is just eight days before the issue date of October 22nd. We are still waiting to receive the press release for that issue!

This year's Christmas stamps reproduce illustrations that were commissioned by W. E. Coutts (greeting card manufacturer) in 1931. The 17¢ stamp uses the Christmas card design "Sleigh Ride" of Joseph Sydney Hallman. The 15¢ stamp reproduces "Christmas Morning" in a Gatineau village by Frank Charles Hennessey and

the 35¢ stamp shows "McGill Cab Stand" by Kathleen Morris.

The layout design and typography of the issue is by Yvon Laroche of Montreal. The stamps were printed by Ashton-Potter in four colour lithography on coated one side litho paper gummed with PVA. Quantities printed are: 15¢ - 95 million, 17¢ - 65 million and 35¢ - 19 million.

Marginal inscriptions of the 15¢ and 17¢ stamps have been interchanged. That on the 15¢ stamp reads: "Illustration: J. S. Hallam" but should read: "Illustration: Frank Hennessey". That on the 17¢ stamp reads: "Illustration: Frank Hennessey" but should read: "Illustration: J. S. Hallam".



Nov. 10



Military aircraft: **upper left**, "Ruhr Express", the first Lancaster built in Canada by Victory Aircraft. **Lower left**, Avro Canada CF-100 of R.C.A.F. Phantom Squadron No. 428.

Upper right: Curtiss JN-4 Canuck, built by Canadian Airplanes Ltd., Toronto.

Lower right: Hawker Hurricane, one of 1451 built by Canadian Car and Foundry Co., Fort William, Ontario.

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Literature Reviews

LYMAN'S STANDARD CATALOGUE OF CANADA - BNA POSTAGE STAMPS. 32nd ed. Winter 1981. Published by Robert W. Lyman (Canada) Co., P.O. Box 23-F, Station "V", Toronto, Ontario, M6R 3A4. 13.5 cm x 20.9 cm, 134 pages, full col. illus., softbound. 1980. \$3.50 from most dealers.

This edition of the popular Lyman's, with its full colour reproductions of all postage stamps, semi-postals, officials, registered, postage due labels, war tax, provincial issues, etc. has been expanded to 136 pages and shows 2800 plus price changes.

Issues prior to 1946 are priced by 3 grades of mint and used with a premium indicated for MNH. Issues, other than coils, from 1947 on are priced only for NHVFM and VFU, no premium indicated. The coils mostly have several priced grades for both mint and used. First Day Covers are priced from 1931 on.

CATALOG AND GUIDE TO FIRST DAY COVER COLLECTING 1981 EDITION. Published by R & R "The Cover People", 645 Summer St., Boston, MA 02210, U.S.A. 13.4 cm x 20.9 cm, 112 pages, illus., softbound, 1980. US\$1.95 or Canadian equivalent from dealers.

HARRIS REFERENCE CATALOG POSTAGE STAMP PRICES OF THE UNITED STATES, UNITED NATIONS AND CANADA AND PROVINCES. FALL/WINTER 1980-81 EDITION. Published by H. E. Harris & Co., Inc., Boston MA 02117, U.S.A. 13.4 cm x 20.9 cm, x + 268 pages, illus., softbound, 1980. US \$2.95 or Canadian equivalent from dealers.

For a limited time, both catalogues are offered for US\$2.95 (\$4.50 Canadian).

Both of these catalogues are in the same format which the Harris catalogue has returned to, i.e. it is no longer the narrower pocket size of former editions.

The R & R Cover Catalog opens with an introduction to first day cover collecting in

which the parts of the FDC are described, the stamps used, the postmarks and the cachets. A priced listing of uncacheted U.S. first day covers from 1847-1935 follows. This only lists the issues that have an official first day announced by Congress, the Post Office Department or the U.S. Postal Service as the first day on which a new issue could be sold.

Between July 1, 1847 and July 12, 1922 only a few listed issues have such a date. Only a few covers from this period are priced but from July 1922 a full listing is provided. Other sections include "silk" cacheted FDC's of the U.S.A., Canada, and several other countries as well as specialty covers.

The Harris catalogue, with its larger format, is more clearly set out than previous editions, and has up to nine columns of prices per stamp, including several premium grades. The categories include prices of coils, envelope cut squares, postal cards and notes, revenues, first day covers, mint sheets, plate blocks, Zip and Mail Early blocks, etc. The great rarities are not listed.

The Stamp Identifier section, which has always been a useful feature, has been improved with better diagrams.

Naturally, prices have been revised, some rather substantially upward, so that the catalogue will continue to reflect the estimated values up to March 1981.

The combination offer makes a good buy.

STANLEY GIBBONS STAMP CATALOGUE, PART 3. BALKANS. FIRST EDITION 1980. Published by Stanley Gibbons Publications Ltd., 391 Strand, London, WC2R 0LX, England. 14.5 cm x 21.6 cm, x + 409 pages, illus., flexible full colour covers, 1980. UK price £10.50. Available from dealers for around \$31.95.

All of the countries of the Balkans, the territory between the Adriatic, the Aegean and Black Seas, are contained in this compact volume. The major countries covered and still issuing stamps are Albania, Bul-

garia, Greece, Rumania and Yugoslavia. However, countries of earlier days are to be found, e.g., the Aegean and Ionian Islands, Crete, Coatia, Montenegro, Serbia, Epirus and Thrace, Trieste (Zones A and B, which listings are duplicated in Part 8, see below) and Venezia Giulia and Istria. Most prices have been revised with Albania, Crete, Eastern Roumelia and classics of Bulgaria, Greece and Aegean Islands showing the greatest increases.

STANLEY GIBBONS STAMP CATALOGUE. Part 8. ITALY AND SWITZERLAND. First Edition 1980. Published by Stanley Gibbons Publications Ltd., 391 Strand, London WC2R 0LX, England. 14.6 cm x 21.6 cm x + 249 pages, illus., full colour flexible covers, 1980. £6.50 (UK). Available from dealers for around \$21.95.

Here we have two popular countries in one slim new volume. But there is more. In addition to Italy, there are the classic Italian States, former Italian Colonies (Libya, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Somalia, and more), Occupations, Post Offices Abroad and Austria Italy. Vatican City, San Marino, Fiume and Trieste (same listing as in Part 3) are also included. The Switzerland part has, naturally, that country plus Liechtenstein, the International Organizations in Switzerland and the Swiss stamps of the U.N.O. Geneva office to 1963. Listings of stamps are complete to March 1980.

The Switzerland listings include, for the first time, booklet panes containing two set-tenant values or labels and a checklist with prices for booklets containing the "Pro Juventute" semi-postal (charity) stamps.

Prices are revised with issues of the Italian States, early Italy and Liechtenstein to 1930 showing the largest increases.

STANLEY GIBBONS STAMP CATALOGUE. PART 1. BRITISH COMMONWEALTH 1981, 83rd ed. Published by Stanley Gibbons Publications Ltd., 391 Strand, London WC2R 0LX, England. 17.9 cm x 23.4 cm, xxvi + GB90 + 1073 pages, hardbound, 1980. £12.50 (UK). Available from dealers for approximately \$34.95.

Here is an expensive but indispensable catalogue for Commonwealth collectors - the Gibbons "Red" catalogue. Gibbons states that it is one of the most important editions in recent years. Why? In addition to the usual revision of prices and modifications of listings that one naturally expects of a new edition, there are several new features which make this edition even better than earlier ones.

Crown-circle handstamps are listed and priced at the beginning of each country where they were used. Those used for British Post Offices in foreign countries are found under "British Post Offices Abroad", following Great Britain. Introduced in this edition is a guide to the value of stamps on cover. For GB, a third price column gives the price for basic stamps on cover for QV and KEVII stamps. It will be extended later. For Commonwealth countries, factor tables permit calculation of the approximate value of covers up to 1945.

A number of country listings have been revised and the post UDI-Rhodesia listings have been priced for the first time. All pricings have been revised and reflect the continuing interest in KGVI and QEII issues.

THE POSTAL HISTORY OF THE AEF, 1917-1923: A Handbook Compiled by the World War I AEF Study Group of the War Cover Club. Edited by Theo. Van Dam. The APS Handbook Series, published by The American Philatelic Society, P.O. Box 800, State College, PA 16801, U.S.A. 18.4 cm x 26.1 cm, 242 pages, illus., Maps, tables, appendices, hardbound, 1980. US\$25.00 postpaid from the publisher (\$20.00 to APS members).

This latest handbook from the APS is the work of seven men, Theo. Van Dam, C. D. Brenner, Wilfred N. Broderick, David D. Howell, Richard H. Imus, David R. Opperman, Richard W. Sackett and James H. Sorensen. Each has brought his own expertise in separate chapters which treat the American Expeditionary Forces in Western Europe, North Russia and the United States. The U.S. Forces traced are those of the Regular Army, National Guard and the "National Army". Also

dealt with are postal markings, the use of specific postmark devices, the "800" AEF postmarks, APO No. 901, postal censorship, the Marines, military and naval aviation, occupation of the Rhineland, the Northern Russian Campaign and a classification system for Siberian AEF covers.

A set of four appendices and a six page bibliography provide reference material that will be useful to beginners in this field. The handbook is extensively illustrated with drawings and photographs of postal markings and clear photographs and a few photocopies of actual covers.

Another fine APS handbook.

POSTAL MARKINGS by Harry M. Konwiser. Compiled and published by Quarterman Publications, Inc., 5 South Union Street, Lawrence, MA 01843, U.S.A. 15.9 cm x 23.6 cm, 4 + 762 pages, frontis., index, hardbound in buckram, 1980. US\$60.00 from the publisher or dealers.

Of the quartet of Quarterman books reviewed here, this is the only "original" one, in that it is the first collection of the complete (or nearly so) series of Konwiser's weekly columns "Postal Markings" that were published in "Stamps Magazine" from June 24, 1933 to September 18, 1954.

The columns are arranged chronologically and, although not scholarly, they provide documentation on several aspects of U.S. postal history and report new discoveries of the time. Questions were posed in some columns and sometimes answered in subsequent columns. Of course, you have to keep reading to find the answers.

Some columns dealt with foreign postal matters, e.g., the Dec. 22, 1934 column had two paragraphs on the carriage of mail between Canada and the U.S. in the 1790's. In 1946 he wrote about "Fonopost" service in Argentina.

David L. Jarrett, who wrote the Foreword also provided a brief index to the series. It is not comprehensive but does provide some access to U.S. classic postal history and the discoveries in the '30's and '40's of rare U.S. postmarks.

This is a very interesting book which could open the eyes of U.S. postal his-

torians to some new areas for research. It is also a "good read" for philatelists who are not postal historians or do not collect U.S. postal history.

THE BOSTON REVENUE BOOK by George L. Toppan, Hiram E. Deats, Alexander Holland. Reduced facsimile reproduction by Quarterman Publications, Inc., 5 South Union Street, Lawrence, MA 01843, U.S.A. 16.0 cm x 23.6 cm, 423 pages, tables, index, hardbound, 1980. US\$35.00 from the publisher or dealers.

The original title of this book conveys a better idea of its contents. When it was published by the Boston Philatelic Society in 1899, it was entitled "An Historical Reference List of the Revenue Stamps of the United States Including the Private Die Proprietary Stamps, compiled by George L. Toppan, Hiram E. Deats and Alexander Holland, a Committee of the Boston Philatelic Society".

The book, a complete catalogue, gives full and detailed descriptions of the stamps, their history and other information that could be of general interest. The data were obtained from the official records of the Butler & Carpenter, and Joseph R. Carpenter firms who held the government contracts for these stamps from Sept. 1862 to Aug. 31, 1875. Additional records of the National Bank Note Co., and the Bureau of Engraving and Printing carried their findings to the repeal of the stamp tax in 1883. Official records were again consulted for the then current two cent Playing Card stamps Aug. 1894 - Dec. 31, 1898. In other words, it is as complete a record of the revenue stamps as could be compiled at that time.

It begins with reproductions of the contracts for the printing of the stamps and follows with the First Issue - paper, perforations, color, rulings by the Commissioner, general notes, and counterfeits. Each stamp is then described in detail: the Express stamps, Playing Cards, Telegraph, Bank Check, Certificate, Proprietary, etc., for all issues.

Proprietary stamps, the Series of 1898, have a separate section which is followed by chapters on Private Proprietary Stamps, Match Stamps, Medicine Stamps. Per-

fumery Stamps, Playing Cards, Canned Fruit Stamp, Match Wrappers, Provisional Proprietary Stamps, Medicine Wrappers and concludes with a "Reference List" of all stamps recorded in the body of the text, and an Index.

Like all Quarterman books, the quality of printing, the paper and the binding is excellent. If you collect U.S. Revenues and don't have this book, this is your opportunity to add basic reference material from prime sources to your library.

THE FIRST HUNDRED YEARS OF UNITED STATES TERRITORIAL POSTMARKS 1787/1887 by Carroll Chase and Richard McP. Cabeen. Facsimile reprint by Quarterman Publications, Inc., 5 South Union St., Lawrence, MA 01843, U.S.A. 18.5 cm x 26.2 cm, 341 pages, maps, tables, postmarks, hardbound, 1980. US\$35.00 from the publisher or dealers.

The original book appeared in 1950 and numbered less than 500 copies because of an accident during production.

Actually, the present Quarterman edition is a facsimile reprint of a reprinting, in book form, of a series of forty-five installments which were published originally in *The American Philatelist* from Oct. 1941 to April 1950.

With so few copies available, there must be many postal history devotees who have not seen the book nor have profited from the articles.

The book covers the development of the United States from the Thirteen Original States to the Continental United States about as it appeared in 1941. In so doing, it takes in the history of the Great West and of the Central and Southern Portions of the United States.

The introductory chapter explains the scope of the work, defines a 'territory', talks briefly about those states which were territories before being admitted to the Union and explains why some states were never territories before their admission. The remainder of this chapter deals with the treatment afforded each territory and how the data, including postmarks, were compiled and presented.

The authors provide at the end of this

chapter a table of the Territories, arranged alphabetically, their dates, date of statehood and pertinent remarks.

The rest of the book devotes a single chapter to each of twenty-three territories, from Alabama Territory to Wisconsin territory, but not in alphabetical order.

Each chapter presents a map, or maps of the territory, a brief and concise history of the territory followed by a list of post offices that existed during the life of the territory with opening and closing dates. There follows postmarks, figured and described alphabetically by town. This is also provided in tabular form. Manuscript markings are also listed but not figured "because of the danger of counterfeiting." Similarly, the tracings of handstruck postmarks are not exact.

There is no index so diligent searching is required to locate any specific information. In spite of this deficiency, the work presents a large amount of information in a small space and should be of great use to U.S. postal historians. For non-American and non-postal historian philatelists, it provides an easy and interesting way to learn early American history.

THE TRANSATLANTIC MAIL by Frank Staff. Facsimile reprint by Quarterman Publications, Inc., 5 South Union St., Lawrence, MA 01843, U.S.A. 18.5 cm x 26.1 cm, 191 pages, illus., frontis., tables, maps, bibliography, Index, hardbound, 1980. US\$35.00 from the publisher or from dealers.

Although this is a facsimile of the original 1956 publication, it has a new Introduction by the author and some minor corrections and alterations have been made throughout the text.

Since the book will be familiar to many, as are many Quarterman books, a brief description should suffice to introduce the book to others.

Against the romantic background of the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries, the author presents the story of the development of the trans-atlantic mail services. The keen competition and rivalry for the supremacy of the Atlantic which developed between Britain and the United

States during the nineteenth century is fully explained and embraces the beginning of the pioneer steamship services and the efforts of Samuel Cunard, E. K. Collins, and other Atlantic steamship operators. Their struggle for much coveted mail contracts, with national prestige at stake, makes fascinating reading.

The book is in two parts, the first part telling the story of the development of the mail service, the deficiencies in North America that brought about the changes inland as well as in the Transatlantic service. This part contains many interesting anecdotes and facts.

The second part provides lists of all mail carrying ships from 1702 to the end of the nineteenth century, rates of postage and much more.

This is not only a very useful reference book, it would also be of interest to the general reader with an interest in maritime history.

THE CHARLTON CANADA STAMP & STORY ALBUM. Canada's Heritage in Postage Stamps 2nd ed. 1980. Text by James Montagnes. Published by Charlton International Publishing Inc., 299 Queen St., W., Toronto, Ont., M5V 1Z9. 21.6 cm x 28.0 cm, 96 unnumbered pages, col. illus., softbound, 1980. \$4.95 from dealers or the publisher.

This is basically a story book for public school aged children, differing from others only in that it has brief stories of people, places, things and events that are depicted on Canadian stamps from 1947 (Bell stamp) to May 1980 (Endangered Species stamps).

Most of the stories appeared originally in the Toronto Star and all are accompanied by a full colour, natural size reproduction of the stamp(s) the stories are about.

Eight earlier stamps (between 15 and 204) are depicted and briefly described on an introductory page and the inside back cover provides some information about stamps and stamp collecting.

As an album for children, it would suffice, and as a story book, about the stamps, it certainly adequately fulfils its role.

ROMANIAN PHILATELIC STUDIES, No. 4, 1980. The latest issue of this quarterly bulletin has eight major articles by philatelists in Romania, U.S.A., Israel and England. Among the articles are: "The Second Oradea Issue" by Ladislau Rothman, "Local Posts in northern Transylvania" by George Pataki, "Manuscript Cancellations on Romanian Stamps" by Dr. Eng. Marcel Sapira and "Perforation Varieties of the Paris-Bucharest Issue" by Silviu Dragomir. Among miscellaneous additional items is a large size 1846 map of the postal routes of Moldavia.

We have said it before and don't mind repeating it, if you collect Romania, read this journal. US\$7/yr. from the Romanian Philatelic Club, c/o Mark Fromer, 1519 East 8th St., Brooklyn, NY 11230, U.S.A.

LETTERS (Continued from page 345)

EXCHANGES:

Jason Schwartz, 50 Purple Sageway, Willowdale, Ont., M2H 2Z5, Age and interests not given.

David Palser, 14 Fordfield Rd., Kitts Green, Birmingham, B33 9T5, England, would like to correspond with someone interested in Canadian-English stamps.

Amelia Uchuste, San Juan 516, 1653 Villa Ballester, PCIA BS AS Argentina, wishes to exchange commemorative stamps of Canada, U.S.A., England, France, Greece, Israel, Luxembourg and Switzerland.

Sir:

I am looking for a Canadian Stamp Collector who would be interested in trading U.S. and other worldwide commemorative and definitive stamps for his Canadian and BNA stock. I have a good supply of cancelled and unused catalogued stamps just for trading. If your organization can be of help in finding someone for me it would be greatly appreciated. Please be aware that I am not a Dealer or Buyer, but only a collector.

Sincerely, Ronald F. Hill

6572 Vinecrest Drive
Salt Lake City, UT 84121 USA



Society Reports

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Applicants listed as new members have applied for membership in the Society and in accordance with the Constitution, their names are hereby published. If no adverse reports are received within thirty days of publication, they will be admitted to full membership.

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THE CHAPTER COORDINATOR - - -

Please welcome the Prince Edward Island Stamp Club as new Chapter 170. The Chapter Representative is Mr. H. Winston Johnston, 63 Newland Crescent,

Charlottetown, P.E.I., C1A 4H6.

T. E. Lyon, for
Doris & Ted Lyon.

THE CONVENTION COORDINATOR - -

The location of future R.P.S.C. Conventions will be as follows. Full details, i.e. date, contact convener and facilities will be reported to the membership when known.

- 1981 — LACPEX '81 of the Lakeshore Stamp Club (see Coming Events).
- 1982 — Victoria, B.C., by the Greater Victoria Philatelic Society, in early spring.

- 1983 — Oakville, Ontario by the Oakville Stamp Club in May. General Chairman: Mr. David Dixon, P.O. Box 1089, Oakville, Ontario, L6J 5E9.
- 1984 — Québec City by La Société Philatélique de Québec.
- 1985 — No location yet.
- 1986 — Chicago, Illinois at AMPHILEX '86, Chicago International Philatelic Exhibition, May 23 - June 1.
- 1987 — No location yet.
- 1988 — No location yet.
- 1989 — Toronto, Ontario at CAPEX '89.

Any R.P.S.C. Chapters that can provide the required resources to host an exhibition and an Annual Convention in one of the open year dates (1985, 1987, 1988), are invited to contact me.

K. R. Spencer
3659 - 109th Street
Edmonton, Alberta T6J 1C2

ever for the 50¢ and \$1.00 in case I get them sometime.

The reason for this letter is really that I thought there might be some who would want to order stamps like we do. The place to write is the Philatelic Division, Financial Branch, Post Office Department, Ottawa, Canada. The form is F.B. No. 50 called "List Of Mint Canadian Postage Stamps Etc." for 1938.

I hope you have as much fun collecting stamps as Bill and I do!

Yours truly,
Don Rife. ☐

POST-SCRIPTS

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They were valid only within Great Britain.

The franking of letters, a privilege of Peers and MPs who had franked their own and their friends' letters, ended.

At first there was reluctance to trust the new railways with mails, but by May 1843 the number of horse-drawn mail coaches leaving the General Post Office in London had been reduced from about 80 to 11.

Royal Navy packets, which carried the mails, mostly sailed for the West Indies and India from Falmouth. They had been established in 1688, but it was not until 1823 that they were taken over by the Admiralty, to provide employment for naval officers from the Napoleonic Wars. During the 1830s there were up to 24 packets based in Falmouth. By that time the short-distance mails were beginning to be replaced by paddle-wheelers, but the Admiralty forced private companies to carry a lieutenant aboard every ship with mails.

Sources:

Early Victorian England, Oxford University Press, London, 1934. Chapters by Mrs. S. C. Paul, D. Woodruff and Mona Wilson.

The Pageant of Early Victorian England by Elizabeth Burton. Charles & Sons, New York, 1972. ☐

THE WAY IT WAS

(Continued from page 374)

Some of the other ones I need and never seem to get around to ordering (for lack of money), are the 50¢ Dark Blue Pictorial 1928, No. 158 and also No. 159 the \$1.00 Olive Green. I figure there is lots of time for these as well as the No. 171 and No. 172, 1930 Pictorials 50¢ Blue and \$1.00 Olive Green, and also the No. 226 and No. 227, 1937 Pictorials 50¢ Purple and \$1.00 Blue. Nobody around our neighbourhood has any of these and since no one can afford them, they should be around for a long time.

You see, what we do is buy everything we can afford from 1¢ to 20¢ in each issue, then we arrange them in our stamp albums in a nice design and stick them in with stamp hinges. Somebody told us to use hinges because this doesn't hurt the back of the stamp as much, and if you ever want to trade, you don't have to soak them off the page. It seems to work very well and I have fun with the loose leaf album pages changing them around in different designs from time to time. I always leave room at the bottom of the page how-

CHAPTER MEETINGS

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(Chapter 66). Regular meetings: second and fourth Wednesdays of each month in the Fort Calgary Interpretive Centre, 750 - 9th 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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Touring stampers welcome. Meetings on alternate Mondays in the cafeteria of St. Joseph Composite School. Pres. - Keith R. Spencer, ph. 434-0270; Membership - Terry Krawec, ph. 469-8789. Address all mail c/o the Club, P.O. Box 399, Edmonton, Alberta, T5J 2J6.

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RPSC Chapter 49 meets the second & fourth Monday, Sept. to May, at 7:30 p.m., at the Hall of St. George Cathedral, Johnson and Wellington Sts., Kingston, Ont. Correspondence to: Kingston Stamp Club, P.O. Box 1202, Kingston, Ont. K7L 4Y8.

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librarian at the National Postal Museum, Father Anatole Walker, well known for his studies in postal history, Ivor Whitehouse, Max Rosenthal and many other representatives from Montreal, Quebec, Sherbrooke, Victoriaville, etc. Guy des Rivières, Q.C. sent his best wishes from Calgary where he was attending the R.P.S.C. annual convention.

After a friendly discussion of some two hours, it was decided that the new society would be called La Société d'Histoire Postale du Québec, that the annual fee for members would be \$10.00. A provisional board of directors was nominated as follows: Jean-Pierre Delwasse, president, Marc Beaupré, vice-president, and Louis-Philippe Gilbert, treasurer, all from Quebec City.

The objects of the Society were summarized as follows:

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It was also agreed that priority should be given to postal history of the province of Quebec and Lower Canada.

The provisional board was directed to draft the By-laws of Society for adoption at a special general meeting to be held not later than October 1st, when the permanent board of directors will be nominated. It was decided the Society would be incorporated under section III of the Quebec Companies Act.

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