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The first postage stamp issue of the newly formed Dominion of Canada has been recognized through the years as one of the handsomest and best produced series to appear. The design of these stamps, generally known as "Large Cents" or "Large Queens," is somewhat more elaborate than we expect (or get) nowadays, but they are well balanced and finely engraved. These features, plus their size, have kept them continuously attractive to collectors of Canadian stamps, and they provide a wide range of interest for all, from the collector who just takes one of each value, to the advanced specialist with a representation of shades, papers, perforations, plate varieties, postmarks, etc.

The set, in its simplest form, without shade or paper varieties, consists of the ½c, 1c brown, 1c yellow, 2c, 3c, 5c, 6c, 12½c, 15c lilac and 15c gray. All of these, except the 1c yellow, 5c and 15c gray, were issued on April 1st, 1868, to pay primarily the following postage rates for the periods indicated.

½c - periodicals of less than 1 ounce in weight, replaced in July 1862 by the small ½c.
1c - circulars, books, etc. per ounce, replaced in Jan., 1869 by the 1c yellow.
2c - transient newspapers, replaced Feb. 1872 by the small 2c.
3c - domestic letter rate, replaced Jan. 1870 by the small 3c.
6c - letter rate to the U.S.A., replaced in Jan. 1872 by the small 6c.
12½c - letter rate, by Canadian packet, to Great Britain, used until 1875.
15c - letter rate, by British packet, to Great Britain, until 1875.

The 1c yellow appeared in January, 1869, to eliminate confusion between the 1c brown and the 3c, under the poor artificial light in use at the time. It was replaced by the small 1c stamp in March, 1870.

The 5c was prepared for issue in 1868, but on account of limited demand for that value, it was not placed on sale until Oct. 1st 1875, when the overseas rate by any packet was reduced to five cents. It was used only until the small five cent stamp could be prepared in Feb. 1876 and is accordingly scarce.

To the 15c stamp belongs the distinction of having been in use longer than any other Canadian stamp - over 30 years from 1868 until around the turn of the century. Throughout that period, there were a great many releases in a great variety of papers and shades which will be covered more fully under their respective headings.

The design of each value centers around the profile of Queen Victoria facing to the right, and the ornamental framework for each value. All but the ½c are large stamps, and this was, in part, responsible for their short period of use. As the demand for stamps increased, it became difficult to maintain production using large plates and big sheets of paper, and starting in 1870, the "Large Queens" were replaced by smaller stamps.

We will now undertake to set up a method of expanding the "one of each" set into degrees of specialization to suit all tastes and moderate expense accounts.

SEPARATING THE "LARGE QUEENS"

Omitting shade variations for the time being, the first step toward expanding the simple "one of each" set of the Large Queen issue is an examination of the paper on which the stamps are printed.

It would seem that a great amount of effort has been spent in the past to break this issue down by paper varieties, and the result has usually been one of two extremes - either the list was so complicated that the average collector (and aren't most of us?) was scared away, or else important items have been omitted. Also such classifications frequently involve measuring paper thickness with micrometer equipment, and interpreting such adjectives as crisp, brittle, tough, hard, opaque, transparent, thin medium, thick, etc.

The collector whose interest passes the "one of each" category should be concerned with getting a stamp from the first printing, another from the later printing, as well as stamps from other identifiable groups, rather than a stamp on thin paper, and a stamp on thick paper, etc.

Towards this end, the emphasis placed on thin and thick papers, can be especially
Paper thickness varies considerably, and it is quite possible to find paper of the same type from the same printing both thinner and thicker than paper of another type which represents an entirely different printing.

We are proposing a much more obvious means of examining and distinguishing these papers, a method requiring no special equipment, which can be followed by any collector just by examining the stamp from the back by transmitted light, i.e., looking at the back of the stamp with the stamp between the eye and a strong light.

The characteristic by which we are interested is the grain, or mesh, of the paper. For probably 90% of the Large Queens, mesh is not apparent at all, or is easily seen and identified. If in doubt, the stamp can be checked in watermarked fluid against a black surface, but this is very seldom necessary. Some mesh is also quite noticeable when viewed by reflected light.

Someone may comment that this method is difficult to apply to stamps on cover, but so is a micrometer or a brittleness check, and, in practice, the writer has found that a bit of experience will enable one to identify most papers by the appearance of the front of the stamps. Different papers "take" the ink in different ways, and we will attempt to describe this in reviewing the various papers. In examining any stamp, however, it should be kept in mind that there are some scarce varieties which obviously fall outside our general classification, and these will be treated as the last group in the classification. In our next article, we will present the list of groups into which the "Large Queens" may be divided, and will follow this up with a detailed description of stamps in each group.

The Philatelic Specialists Exhibition & Dinner

From the 8th to the 17th November, the Philatelic Specialists Society of Canada will be holding an Exhibition in the Royal Ontario Museum, Bloor and Avenue Rd., in Toronto. From the point of view of sheer interest, this will surely be one of the most fascinating exhibitions ever to be held in Canada.

From a press release we have received, we mention a few of the offerings which will be on display: Early Postmarks of Austria; Forwarding Agents' markings on pre-U.P.U. covers; Indian Postal History and First Issue of India; Chinese Treaty Ports; Rare Letters of Austrian Royalty; Large Queens of Canada; First Airmails of Papua; Cape Triangulars, etc. This will indeed be a delectable display, and we are quite sure that all real philatelists from anywhere within a reasonable distance of Toronto will make a point of going to see this display at the Royal Ontario Museum.

The Globe & Mail will publish a catalogue, copyrighted, of the Exhibition, with stories about most of the entries. This book, a non-profit venture, may be obtained from D. A. Patrick, c/o Globe & Mail, Toronto, for 35c. but NO STAMPS PLEASE.

The highlight of the week will be the dinner of the FSSC at the King Edward, on Saturday, Nov. 16. Not only will this be a gastronomic feast, but those present will have the pleasure of hearing H. L. Lindquist, Editor of STAMPS, a speaker that is always a delight to those who have the privilege of hearing him. Tickets $7.50 per person, from M. R. Rasic, 125 Latimer, Toronto 12, Ont.

Incidentally practically all the officers and directors of the C.P.S. who live within reach will be there, and also, we are practically certain, W. A. Teare, our Vice President from Victoria, B.C.
Australia's History on its Stamps

Although first colonized little more than 150 years ago, Australia has had an eventful History. Much of this history can be illustrated from her stamps.

It is unlikely that the earliest explorers in the South Seas - Spanish and Portuguese navigators - ever saw the Australian mainland. It was the Dutch who, in the early seventeenth century, first set foot on Australian soil, and the western part of the continent was named by them New Holland. Undoubtedly, the greatest Dutch explorer was Abel Tasman, whose name is the first we encounter philatelically, for he is seen on the 2d. value of the New Zealand Centenary issue of 1940. Sailing southward on the instructions of Anthony van Diemen, Governor-General of the Dutch East Indies, Tasman in 1642 discovered the island which now bears his name, though he himself named it Van Diemen's Land. Tasman went on to discover New Zealand, hence his appearance on a New Zealand stamp.

The first English seaman to visit Australia was the buccaneer, William Dampier, who explored the western coast about 1690. In 1770, Captain James Cook, after exploring New Zealand, sailed up the east coast of Australia. Landing at Botany Bay, he named the country New South Wales. Cook is commemorated on only one Australian stamp - the 4d. value of the New South Wales Centenary issue of 1888, but he has been portrayed on many stamps of New Zealand and Dependencies.

The British Government, however, was not anxious to follow up Cook's discovery. But as it happened, the loss of the American colonies deprived them of a place to which could be transported. Australia seemed to offer a solution to this problem, and it was accordingly decided, in 1786, to establish a penal settlement at Botany Bay. The first batch of convicts arrived early in 1788, but the commander, Capt. Arthur Phillip, deciding that Botany Bay was unsuitable, chose a site a little further north, Sydney Cove. Here the first British settlement in Australia was established. Its centenary was marked in 1888 by special New South Wales stamps, one of which, the 20s value, includes a portrait of Capt. Phillip. The 150th Anniversary was commemorated in 1937 by three Commonwealth stamps depicting Phillip and his officers at Sydney Cove.

Capt. Phillip was compelled by ill-health to resign his office in 1792. We have no philatelic record of his two immediate successors, but the next, the notorious Capt. William Bligh, who figured so prominently in the affair of the Matryon on the Bounty, will be seen on the 2d Pictorial stamp issued in 1940. Appointed Governor of New South Wales in 1806, Bligh soon provoked trouble by his autocratic temper; in particular, he quarrelled with John Macarthur, one of the richest men in the colony and the founder of the Australian wool industry (see the special stamps of 1924). This led to a revolt in 1808 and Bligh was deposed from his governorship.

When New South Wales was first colonized in 1788, comparatively little was known about the geography of Australia, and it was for later explorers to fill the gaps. But few of these have been commemorated philatelically, and the names of Matthew Flinders, George Bass, Gregory Blaxland and many others, have as yet no place in the stamp album. The first of these explorers to receive philatelic notice is Capt. Charles Sturt, who explored the wonderful river system of South-East Australia. In 1828-30, Sturt discovered the Darling River, and found that this river and the Murray River were themselves tributaries of the great Murray River. Truly the centenary of this discovery was well worthy of the special stamps issued in 1930. Further explorations in this area were made shortly after by Sir Thomas Mitchell (whose later exploits were to be honored philatelically).

Van Diemen's Land was first colonized in 1803 and special stamps have been issued to mark the sesquicentenary of the event. The original settlement was abandoned in 1804 by Col. David Collins, in favour of the site of the present capital, Hobart, while Col. William Paterson established a second settlement at Port Dalrymple, now Launceston. Both Collins and Paterson, who are portrayed on the special stamps held the rank of Lieut. Governor. Van Diemen's Land became a separate colony in 1825 and its name was subsequently changed to Tasmania.

In the eighteen-twenties, the Swan River in the West attracted attention as a site for settlement, and the first company of immigrants arrived in June 1829. Thus began the colony of Western Australia, the cent-
enary of which was marked by a special stamp in 1929.

Three special stamps appeared in 1934 to mark the centenary of the earliest settlement in what is now Victoria. The settlers were at first regarded as trespassers by the New South Wales Governor and the colony was not officially recognized until 1836. Known at first as Port Phillip District, this settlement came in 1851 the separate colony of Victoria. At the same time, responsible government was established, and the centenary of this event was commemorated in 1951 by a special stamp showing C.J. Latrobe, Lieutenant-Governor of Victoria from 1839 to 1844.

Meanwhile, Sturt's explorations had suggested South Australia as a possible site for a new colony. The Colonial Office was reluctant to agree, but in 1834, the British Parliament passed an Act establishing the colony of South Australia. The first settlers arrived in July 1836 and the centenary of this event was marked by a special set of stamps. The central feature of the common design shows the Proclamation Tree, a fallen eucalyptus which served as a platform for proclaiming the new colony.

It was not until the late eighteen-thirties that any attempt was made to penetrate the central region of the continent. In 1840, Edward John Eyre made a courageous but unsuccessful attempt from Adelaide to reach the heart of Australia. Four years later, Capt. Sturt set out on a similar expedition, but he too was beaten by the desert. It was only in 1860 that John McDouall Stuart succeeded in reaching the very centre of the continent. Meanwhile, other explorers, working from Sydney, were penetrating the interior, and in 1864 a special set of stamps was issued to commemorate the exploration of Central Queensland by Sir Thomas Mitchell. Another explorer to be honoured philately was John Forrest, who, about 1870, explored the interior of Western Australia. He is portrayed on a special stamp issued in 1949.

Much of Australia's prosperity has been based on her wool industry which was founded by Capt. John Macarthur, whose conflict with Governor Bligh has already been mentioned. In 1799, Macarthur introduced some merino sheep into Australia and by careful breeding he soon both increased the size of his flock and greatly improved the quality of the fleeces. Such was the importance of his work that the centenary of his death was marked in 1934 by special commemorative stamps depicting a prize merino. Wheat is also an important Australian product, and here the country owes much to William Farrer, whose experiments led to an increase in the field of high-quality grain. Farrer is to be seen on a special 2sd. stamp issued in 1948.

Coal was discovered in New South Wales by Lieutenant John Shortland about 1797. A settlement founded at Newcastle became in time the centre of a great coal mining and steel producing industry. The sesquicentenary of Newcastle in 1947 was celebrated with special stamps, which, incidentally, showed the wrong Lieut. Shortland.

Of greater importance was the discovery of gold in New South Wales in 1851 by Edward Hargraves, for whom a special stamp was issued in 1851. Soon after, gold was found in Victoria, especially at Ballarat, where trouble with the miners led to the rebellion known as the Eureka Stockade. Later, important goldfields were discovered in Western Australia.

The number of aborigines in Australia has been estimated at about 250,000 in 1788, but only about 50,000 existed in 1930. The 8d. stamp of 1950 shows a fine portrait of an Australian aboriginal, while the 2s. stamp of 1946 gives an example of aboriginal art.

It was appropriate that New South Wales, as the eldest of our Australian colonies, should be the first to issue postage stamps, which she did on 1st January, 1850. What is quite remarkable is that her example was followed, after only a few days, by Victoria, although the latter did not become a separate colony until the next year. The designs of the first issues for the two colonies were reproduced on special centenary stamps, which appeared in 1951. The first Tasmanian stamps, issued in 1853, were inscribed Van Diemen's Land and one of these is reproduced on the centenary stamp. Very soon after, the name was changed and subsequent issues bore the present name. Western Australia made its philatelic début in 1854 and South Australia followed in 1855. The first stamps for Queensland did not appear until 1860, for she became a separate colony only in that year.

The next event to be recorded philatelically is the establishment of the Commonwealth of Australia in 1901, the Golden Jubilee of which was marked by special stamps in 1951. The two 3d. values of this set portray Sir Henry Parkes and Sir Edmund Barton, who did much to make federation possible. Parkes, Premier of New South Wales, originally suggested the creation of federal machinery for dealing with inter-colonial affairs, but no real progress could be made owing to oppos-
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**Large Size and Pictorial Mixtures:**

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<td>C1E1</td>
<td>Canada, all large or semi-large, with commemoratives</td>
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<td>Netherlands, all large commens, with semi-postals</td>
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**Bank Lots and High Class Mixtures:**

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<td>BP</td>
<td>Paris Bank Lot, all large French Colonies up to 200 Fr. Air</td>
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<td>BA</td>
<td>Aden Bank Lot, sealed in Aden, &quot;Near East&quot;-Countries</td>
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<td>BB</td>
<td>Pacific Bank Lot, Australia, N.Z., Australia and some Pac. Islands</td>
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<td>Super Bank Lot, specially prepared, with top values</td>
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<td>Aden with Aden States, mostly large Pictorials</td>
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<td>Brit. Colonies (with some other countries) very short paper</td>
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<td>Belgium Congo, short supply, mostly masks and flowers</td>
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<td>Malaya, mostly current large queens, many commemoratives</td>
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<td>PC</td>
<td>Portuguese Colonies, good variety, mission supplies</td>
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<td>NG</td>
<td>Nigeria, with hi-values (No. 91-7), commens, S. Leone etc.</td>
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<td>SR</td>
<td>S. Africa-Rhodesia, mostly off paper, many better grade, commemoratives, pairs etc., short supply</td>
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The Photograph shows Mr. Bernhard F. Schulze, the Manager of "Elite Stamp Service," R.R. No. 1, Royal Oak B/C, Canada and 22 sacks with Australian bulk on paper, imported to Canada. These contain about 6 Million Stamps, the net weight is 1650 lbs.

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The Realm of Stamps

By MONITOR

A revolutionary development in the sorting of letters is to be tried out by the British Post Office. The machine will "face" letters automatically and will entail the issue of stamps specially treated with "Naphthadag", an ink-like fluid made up of graphite in a solution of naphtha.

Although this is not the first time an experimental facing machine has been produced, it is believed to be the first time that stamps in any country have been marked in this particular way to assist in the mechanization of that facing process in sorting offices.

A machine that will automatically examine letters presented to it in random order and rearrange them to form a stack with all the stamps in the top right hand corner ready for cancellation and sorting, has long been the goal of postal technicians. Scientists and engineers at the British Post Office Research Station at Dollis Hill have now devised such a machine. It is to be given its first trial under operational conditions in the Southampton Post Office.

The machine will have a number of "scanners" which will search for the stamps as the envelopes pass between them. It will then arrange the letters in separate piles according to the corner in which the stamp is found. At the same time, the scanners will differentiate between ordinary letters and those paid at the 2d. printed paper rate, and the machine will separate the two, so that they can be dealt with independently. A stamp cancelling unit will be included in the machine so that letters emerge not only "faced" but also with the postmark applied.

The main problem which has confronted scientists for so long has been that of producing a suitable scanning device which will unerringly identify the stamps on the letter. One method which has been tried involves the use of photographic cells which distinguish the stamps by their colour. Unfortunately, this method has certain weaknesses.

Working in collaboration with Messrs. Harrison and Sons, the printers of postage stamps, the scientists have now evolved a new technique which involves the use of stamps in which an electrical conductor is incorporated. A high voltage electric discharge penetrates the stamp as the letter passes through the machine, and, traversing the electrical conductor, causes a "recognition" signal to be given to the machine. The electrically conducting substance applied to the stamps is "Naphthadag", the name given to an ink-like fluid made up of graphite — with the proprietary name of "Discoluted Acheson's Graphite" — in a solution of naphtha.

For the purpose of the Southampton trial "Naphthadag" will be incorporated in the stamps in one or two lines, each about 1/32 inch wide, running from top to bottom under the gum. The lines, although black, will be virtually invisible from the front of the stamp, unless, of course, it is held up to the light.

Later this year, "Naphthadag" treated stamps will be put on sale in post offices in an area centred on Southampton. This will be a few weeks before the machine is ready to operate, so that the stamps have plenty of time to come into general use before the experiment starts. Further details about the experiment and the denominations of the stamps to be treated will be announced at a later date.

It is pointed out that the "Naphthadag" treated stamps are being introduced purely for the purpose of the first operational trial of the letter facing machine. It does not follow that stamps will be permanently treated in this way, or that the field of scale will be extended beyond the Southampton area. The future of the process will depend largely on the outcome of the trial itself, and also whether further research will continue independently and bring to light an alternative method of "recognition" which does not involve any visible marking of stamps.

A new Airletter form and a stamp to mark the 45th Inter-Parliamentary Union Conference, were issued by Great Britain on September 12th. The 6d. Airletter form has been redesigned. It is of the same colour and size as its predecessor, but depicts, in addition to a portrait of Her Majesty,
Recent New Issues of Topical Interest

Various postage stamps from different countries are shown, including those from France, Italy, Belgium, the Netherlands, Germany, Austria, and Switzerland.
THE ART OF DETECTION

"YOU know my method. It is founded upon the observance of trifles."1

"It is of the highest importance in the art of detection to be able to recognize out of a number of facts which are incidental and which vital."2

In addition to his many other attributes, Sherlock Holmes might have made a name for himself in the philatelic field. At the present moment, the slightest blemish on a stamp causes it to be uplifted on to a pedestal which it does not deserve. It may be that owing to the myriads of stamps which have been issued, the collectors of to-day are seeking to limit their aims to what might be described as "a complete study." In so doing, a vast amount of incidental information may be collected which will ultimately strangle the vital facts. Holmes doubtless would have had the gift of discerning the difference between a constant flaw (as for example, the seven-berry variety), a substituted cliché, a roller die flaw, and a creased transfer.

Only recently, we have heard of a "substituted cliché" in a stamp that was undoubtedly line engraved as late as 1910. This could never have been uttered by Holmes who admitted "It is a capital mistake to theorize before you have all the evidence."3 The author of this faux pas could never have uttered it if he had studied the making of an engraved plate from a roller die. A little reading about the production of other line-engraved stamps would have convinced the speaker that "There is a strong family resemblance about misdeeds,"4 and that such a thing, though not impossible technically, was completely improbable practically.

We admit the truth that "Singularity is almost invariably a clue. The more featureless and commonplace a crime is, the more difficult it is to bring it home."5 But often this dictum is taken too literally, and emphasis is placed in the wrong direction. The seven-berries is "singular," but the normal six-berry stamps are "featureless and commonplace." Perhaps this only succeeds in demonstrating an already known fact—that the photogravure method offers a perfect reproduction of the original. In fact "There is nothing new under the sun. It has all been done before."6

How much less misleading it would be if potential students realised that "Everything comes in circles, even Professor Moriarty."7 and studied the repetitive flaws on a lithographed stamp. Unfortunately, this somewhat crude product is out of favour with the average collector, but Holmes would no doubt have added "The status of my client is a matter of less moment to me than the interest of his case."8

Curiously enough, Holmes' favourite maxim is far from being sound when applied to philately. "When you have eliminated the impossible, whatever remains, however improbable, must be the truth."9 It would apply if all the "impossibles" were known, but the factors concerned in stamp production are so many, that there always remain a number of impossibles which the student cannot help overlooking. The result is that many diagnoses have been drawn by philatelists, which, when they have reached the ears of the professional printer, have been the subject of considerable mirth and ridicule.

There is, however, a consoling thought. "One drawback of an active mind is that one can always conceive alternative explanations, which would make our scent a false one."10

Finally, all philatelists would do well to realise "Breadth of view is one of the essentials of our profession."11 and one is unwise to stick absolutely to the stamps and literature relating to one country.

I. T. H.

1 The Boscombe Valley Mystery.  2 The Reigate Squires.  3 A Study in Scarlet.  4 A Study in Scarlet.  5 The Boscombe Valley Mystery.  6 A Study in Scarlet.  7 The Valley of Fear.  8 The Noble Bachelor.  9 The Sign of Four and others.  10 Thor Bridge.  11 The Valley of Fear.

(Courtesy of THE LONDON PHILATELIST, April 1955)
CANADA - Cancellations on the 3¢ Medallion (Continued from Sept.-Oct. Issue)

II. Oval Wavy Lines

There are two types:

a) The curve on the left starts downwards, e.g. Winnipeg, Man.
b) The curve on the left starts upwards, e.g. Chatham, Ont.

4. Barred Circle Killers

A number of different barred circle killers were in use at this time. They occur as part of a duplex cancellation with datestamps both with and without outer circle. Unfortunately, in the copies examined by me, it was impossible to identify all but one town. Those noted by me are:

a) 4 thick bars - 10½ mm diameter.
b) 6 thick bars - 16½ mm diameter
c) 8 thick bars - 18½ mm diameter
d) 8 thick bars - 23 mm diameter

e) 8 thick bars - 26 mm diameter
f) 8 thin bars - 14½ mm diameter
g) 8 thin bars - 21 mm diameter
h) 8 thin bars - 22½ mm diameter

i) 8 thin bars - 24½ mm diameter

5. Some Montreal Duplex Cancellations

As would be expected in a city of around a million inhabitants, a large variety of postmark types occur. At the present time, there are 27 Postal Stations and 228 sub-offices in Montreal. Some Postal Stations are identified by letters and others by the name of the district, e.g. Delorimier. As variations occur in both the datestamp and the killer and the same datestamp may have attached a different killer, I am listing all the combinations noted. The exact lettering of the datestamp is given.

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<td>c) Montreal, P.Q. Station. C.</td>
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<td>d) Montreal, P.Q. Station. O.</td>
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<td>g) Montreal, Canada, Station H (also B &amp; D)</td>
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<td>h) Montreal, Canada, Station. A.</td>
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<td>i) Montreal, Canada, C.</td>
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<td>j) Montreal, Canada, C.</td>
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<td>k) Montreal, Canada</td>
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Note: At the present time, the following lettered Postal Stations exist - B, C, D, E, F, G, H, K, N, C, R, S, T, and, in addition to the ones named above, the following named Postal Stations: Hochelaga, Lachine, Mount Royal, Notre-Dame-de-Grâce, Place d'Armes, Rosemont, St.-Henri, St.-Lambert, Verdun, Vouville.

Finally, the study of relatively common 20th century cancellations can prove to be of as great an interest as the much sought after early ones, and it is very much cheaper!

(Courtesy of MAPLE LEAVES, official organ of the Canadian Philatelic Society of Great Britain).

PHILATELIC TERMS ILLUSTRATED

WINDSOR AGAIN!

Your Editor acknowledges a great debt to our Member and Director Dr. N. C. Boyd, of the Windsor "Y" Stamp Club. No doubt, many will notice many examples of letter-press on the pages of this issue, all of which were handset by Norm on his own handpress, and all of which greatly improve the appearance of the CANADIAN PHILATELIST. Many thanks, Norm, and you can be assured that it is very highly appreciated.
Jubilee stamp of 1925 showed His Majesty on his black charger, Anzac, which was presented to him by the Australian Government.

Australia took a prominent part in the Second World War, particularly in North Africa and the Pacific. In 1940, special stamps were issued in honour of the Australian Imperial Forces, all branches of the forces, including the nursing services, being covered. Then again, special Victory stamps appeared in 1946 to celebrate the successful conclusion of hostilities.

Australia has always been very loyal to the Crown. The news that the Duke of Kent had been appointed Governor-General in 1939 was hailed with joy in Australia, but the outbreak of war prevented his taking up the post and he was killed in 1942. Towards the end of 1944, however, the Duke's elder brother, the Duke of Gloucester, was appointed Governor-General, and the arrival of the Duke and Duchess in Australia in February 1945 was commemorated by special stamps. Australia again was one of the few countries to honour philatelically the wedding of Queen (then Princess) Elizabeth in 1947, when the Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh visited Australia in 1954 a splendid set of three stamps was issued in honour of this great occasion, and make a fine addition to the stamp album.

(Courtesy GIBSONS STAMP MONTHLY)

CANADA'S HISTORY ON STAMPS

The author of this new album has been kind enough to send us a copy for review. He has set out the pages to show Canada's history according to its stamps, and has done it very well indeed. It is indeed surprising to note how well we can tell our story from our stamps and those of our provinces. While this is intended to serve as an album, the major portion of the stamps would be within the reach of most average collectors, although we think one or two would be, not hard to find, but expensive to purchase. The author T. C. Berkeley, is one of our most eminent collectors and a very live wire of the T. T. C. Stamp Club of Toronto. Published by Ryerson Press, of Toronto. Price, $1.50.
The 3c Perf. 12x8

By "F. B." in Stamp Collecting

In 1926 the domestic letter rate was reduced to 2c. Although there was little demand, the Canadian Bank Note Co. gave the 3c another run when they brought out the 1928-29 Scroll stamps.

In 1930 the Government turned over the contract to the British American concern, who dropped the 3c altogether with the issue of the 1931 Maple Leaves.

In June the rate was suddenly increased to 3c, the only stamps available were some sheets of pre-1926 Geo. V, 3c remainders; ironically enough of these were in the hands of the Canadian Bank Note Co., and were already perfed 8 vertically for coil purposes. However, these were requisitioned (or politely asked for), perfed 12 horizontally, and sold over the P.O. counter for five weeks only.

Laid Paper on Canada Geo. VI

L. Seale Holmes, M.D.

I wonder where the eyes of collectors of Canadian stamps have been for the last several years. A number of years ago I bought some of the 4c stamps of the first Geo. VI issue and on examining them I discovered laid paper had been used to print them on. A little later I found some in the 5c value.

Later on I had a most interesting letter from Mr. Franklin Matthews of Texas, who sent me copies of all values, 1c to 8c showing this laid paper.

I have seen it among regular stamps, also booklet panes (used). Precancels too—we found one stamp which showed very deep ribbing. So it would appear we have both laid and ribbed papers among these early Geo. VI stamps.

What amazes me is that collectors are too busy looking at their stamps instead of looking into and thru their stamps.

I hope this brief report will start collectors really digging into their stamps much more thoroughly.

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The Secretary's Page

Unfortunately, your Secretary, Fred Green, has had a relapse and has been under treatment at St. Michael's Hospital in Toronto. By the time this issue of THE CANADIAN PHILATELIST is in your hands, he will be back home, and although he will have to take things quietly for a while, he will be able to give some attention to the affairs of the Society.

NEW MEMBERS

6752 E. C. Dowler
6753 I. Schechter
6754 Mrs. A. H. O'Brien
6755 C. J. Short
6756 Lt.-Col. T. E. Sisson
6758 Mrs. E. A. Scott
6759 P. G. Haley
6760 E. M. Willis
6761 R. N. Wyse
6762 R. N. Rathburn
6763 Miss O. Johns
6764 G. M. Jenkins
6765 H. S. Cusden
6767 S. Hansen
6768 Rev. S. Chebokovsky
6769 Miss J. G. Roberts
6770 Miss J. M. Gordon
6771 H. M. Dilworth
6772 A. R. Bloxham
6773 Charles A. Rapp
6774 L. P. Crispell
6775 E. H. Wilton
6776 G. E. Mundy
6777 W. A. Nesbitt
6778 W. J. Bailey
6779 H. W. Harrison
6780 C. A. Westhever
6781 W. H. Russell
6782 R. H. Lunt
6783 E. Jacques
6784 F. C. Starr
6785 D. Brown

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1065 Gerard Avenue
Box 993
224 Balmoral Avenue North
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99 Silverbirch Ave.
1184 Marcin Rd.
127 MacDonald St.
681 Main St.
Box 120
1035 Osler St.
616 Dwight Blvd.
12 Dunlop St. West
Pacific Club
Cook & Caledonia Sts.
403 Young St.
2849 Burdick Ave.
4714 West 7th Avenue
597 Rathgar Ave.
1284 Avenue Rd.
Box 3454
4430 Cavendish Rd.
4167 Oxford Ave.
7 De Salabery St.
52 High St., Apt. 5
Box 5780
11 Spaффord Rd.
7 Vinton St.
164 Highburne Rd.
160 rue Lockwell
1778 East Willow Grove Ave.
498 Lakeshore Rd. West

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Bronx 52, N.Y.
Halifax, N.S.
Hamilton, Ont.
Ottawa 4, Ont.
Toronto 8, Ont.
Sarnia, Ont.
Hampstead, N.Y.
Lachine, Que.
Bowmanville, Ont.
Saskatoon, Sask.
Kansas City, Mo.
Barrie, Ont.
Victoria, B.C.
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Victoria, B.C.
Vancouver 8, B.C.
Winnipeg 13, Man.
Toronto 12, Ont.
Fayetteville, N.C.
Montreal 29, P.Q.
Montreal 29, P.Q.
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Milton 86, Mass.
Melrose 76, Mass.
Toronto 7, Ont.
Quebec 4, P.Q.
Philadelphia 18, Penna.
Oakville, Ont.

Chapter No. 61 - Comox Valley Stamp Club
L. Hall, Secretary

The above have applied for membership to the Society and in accordance with the Constitution, their names are hereby published. If no adverse reports are received within thirty days, they will be admitted to full membership.

The Members' Corner

Member A. H. Lamoureux, 222 Lawrence Ave. West, Toronto 12 is looking for a booklet pane, or entire booklet, of 10c. Red Sower of France (with ground, or thin figures, or thick figures). Who has one to spare?? And ...... how much?

Preparation of new Year Book will begin very shortly, so this is the time to have any correction made. Kindly check carefully envelope in which this issue of C.P. came.

In the case of Chapters, will each Secretary please check particulars in Year Book and see if they are correct.

Every year, some Chapter particulars seem to go wrong, and in most cases, this seems to be due to lack of information here.

In the event of any changes to be made, please notify Editor immediately, at 222 Lawrence Ave. West, Toronto 12, Ont. Post Cards will do, but write legibly or type.
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Total Receipts $8,480.67

N.B. - It will be noted that a small bank balance has been maintained. This is necessary in view of the fact that the books of the Bypek Committee have not yet been closed because certain post sales of the Bypek Catalogue are still being made. This matter is drawn to the attention of all readers of THE CANADIAN PHILATELIST since the Catalogue is quite a famous one and should be in every philatelic library. The Committee is still accepting orders at the nominal fee of fifty cents per copy, postpaid. We have also instituted a club price of 25 cents per copy if ten or more copies are ordered at one time. Orders should be sent in care of the Committee to P.O. Box 128, Station "D", Ottawa 4, Canada. Remittances should be drawn in favour of the BYPEK COMMITTEE.

The above statement has been prepared and is certified correct.

W. F. Anderson

FINANCE CHAIRMAN OF BYPEK

OTTAWA, October 7, 1957

CHANGES OF ADDRESS

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Administration

OUR BALANCE SHEET

We have finally received the Auditor's certificate of the Society's accounts for 1956-7 as follows:

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The above Balance Sheet is a true statement of the Society's finances as at the 31st March 1957.

A. G. McKanna, Auditor.

APPOINTMENTS

The Board of Directors is very pleased to announce two appointments, as follows:

As Assistant Treasurer:
Alan G. McKanna
41 Saybrook Avenue,
Toronto 18, Ont.

As Assistant Editor:
Miss M. Wylie
303 Bayview Avenue,
Toronto 17, Ont.

In future, Mr McKanna will take charge of all the accounting procedures and produce the necessary statements, etc., as required. We have not had an experienced accountant among our officers for a long time and as accountancy was something of a mystery to all your officers it is a pleasure to have among us one who knows what he is doing in this respect.

Miss Wylie will help the Editor with his multifarious duties and keep his nose to the grindstone, so that he turns out THE CANADIAN PHILATELIST sharp on the date of publication, which will be the first of November, January, March, May, July & September.

To both these new Officers, our warmest welcome and best wishes.

HERE, THERE AND EVERYWHERE

J. Hedley Hollands, ex-secretary of our friends, the C.P.S. of G.B., who came from back 'ome to seek fame and fortune in the country of his philatelic enthusiasm, is doing very well indeed. The Bank of Nova Scotia in Hamilton has the advantage of his services and also the Toronto Cricket Club for which he has been playing all the summer but he has also been playing BASEBALL for the BNS team. That we would like to see. However, his interest in stamps is still as great as ever. G.B.'s loss is certainly Canada's gain.

We have had the visit of another well-known member of the C.P.S. of G.B. in the person of Frank Fairweather, of Dundee. Mr and Mrs Fairweather came to our Ottawa Convention and enjoyed themselves hugely. After that, they seem to have visited a large chunk of Canada and the U.S.A. For we have heard of them as far West as Banff and as far East as New York and Boston. They are now back home, and, we hope, telling our friends of the C.P.S. of G.B. how high they stand in our estimation.

Met member Nick Lagios in Montreal not long ago. Says he is finding some very fine Greek material and hopes to exhibit at SPA Exhibition, which, we understand, is to be held in Montreal next year.

We hear that Vice-President Allen Christiansen is so engrossed in his garden, etc., in his wonderful summer home at North Hatley, that he is finding no time for stamps. Fie, Allen, we simply don't believe it!

"He says he's working on the car, but I'll bet he's got that stamp collection out again!"

(Courtesy of STAMP COLLECTIONS' ANNUAL)
A SCOOP FOR VICPEX!

Just as we were about to go to press, we received a word from Robin Clarke, chairman of the Publicity Committee of VICPEX. He informs us that VICPEX will definitely have on show a most interesting portion of the Royal collection. The VICPEX committee is to be congratulated on this success, which is a real feather in their cap. It will add lustre to a show that already promises to be a brilliant and interesting affair.

"It says that this is now an inhabited British Colony, and nineteen pictorials have been issued for postal use!"

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