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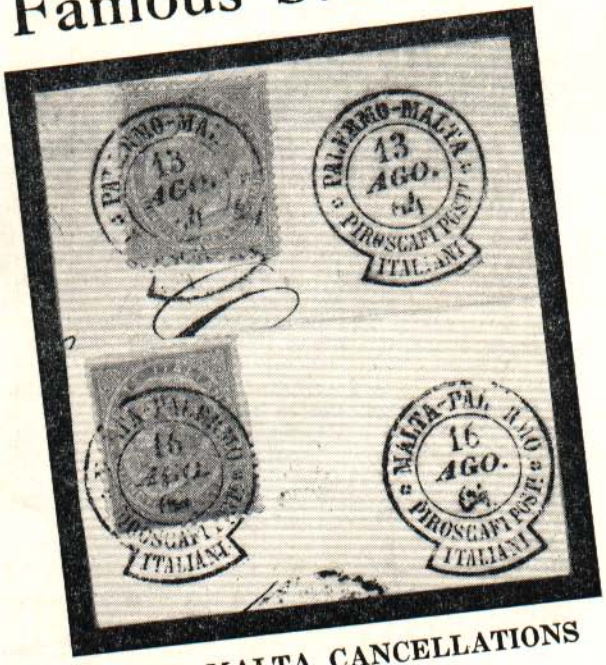

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HELLO DOLLY! HELLO HARRY!

July 1, 1964

Dear Friends:—

A few weeks ago I was crossing a street off Piccadilly Circus in London when I heard a loud shout "HELLO HARRY". I looked around and there was that affable and well-known Toronto collector, Chris Moore, with a mug of beer in hand and waving me to come back. He was having lunch in the local with Mr. Poole of the Royale Stamp Company of London. I was invited to join them. Between talk and refreshments we had a good time, and I learned from them that Fred Eaton of Vancouver was in London, and I called him later. It's a small world, isn't it?

Now let me go back to the beginning of my trip. On Monday May 18th I was off on another 3 weeks of buying and the first stop was New York. A friend met me at the Airport in his bright new sporty Cadillac convertible. Fortunately it was a beautiful sunny day, with temperatures in the high 80's, so that the wind blown trip to his home was a pleasant experience. Rather than get involved with stamps right away, he thought it best to visit the New York World's Fair, and the rest of the day was spent there taking in the magnificent sights and buildings. On Tuesday I evaluated and purchased a fine stock, mostly foreign sets and souvenir sheets. Value over $65,000.00. That night I flew to England arriving in London at 6.30 a.m.

What an awkward time to arrive, but my good friend did meet me with a sleepy grin and a warm welcome to England. We had breakfast at his home at 7.30 a.m. and then down town to work. That was Wednesday. On Thursday morning, I went to Brighton for the day and purchased a very handsome lot of British Colonies, just what I needed for stock, plus a sizeable lot of foreign. There was also one unusual lot of Sierra Leone mixture, only 15 lbs. but all George V and VI issues to the high values, and very strong in the Wilberforce issue. That night when I returned to London by train, I immediately departed on a British European Airways plane for St. Helier on Jersey Island.

The next morning I rented a car (standard transmission with the gear shift on the left hand side, which was a bit awkward) and drove out to the Jersey Rose Farm to meet Commander Bowie. Let me tell you a little bit about Commander Bowie. He is well-known throughout the world as an expert and dealer in stamps. Before the war he operated the City Stamp Company in London, England. During the war he was in the active service with the British Navy. He can tell stories by the hour about this, as well as a few good jokes thrown in for interesting listening. After the war he lived in Bermuda, opened a stamp shop and accumulated a large and fine stock of stamps, particularly strong in British West Indies. In 1963 he moved to the Channel Islands, and I met him there last June. He mentioned then that he had his stamps all in storage and was considering selling them.

The stock was stored in large tea chests, 21 in all. It was valued by dumping a box at a time on the living room rug and dining room table. What a mess we made of these two rooms. There were about 80 stock books and albums, reserve stocks of mint and used, covers etc. It was really a tremendous and valuable stock. Our offer was accepted and the boxes repacked and shipped to London by Air-Freight where the shipment was repacked more carefully in 43 parcels weighing approximately 20 lbs. each, and despatched to Empire, Toronto.

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Have you had a stamp dream lately. Boy! Did I ever get a lot of ribbing about that one — I even had long distance calls wanting to buy those gems.

Philatelically yours,

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The Editor Speaks Out . . .

SO another Convention has come and gone and the Edmonton Stamp Club is to be congratulated on having organized such a good show, fit to count among the best the Society has ever held.

The attendance was very good, as about 200 members registered while a great number paid the 50c. entry fee to the Exhibition. What pleased us was the great number of members who came from quite distant points, the East alone having provided 39 registrations, including ten from the U.S.

The "Bush pilots" dinner on the Friday was most enjoyable and we don't think that many of those present will forget in a hurry some of the stories told by the genial old "Harbourmaster" of the original Edmonton flying field. He certainly enthralled us and most of those present.

One point which surprised us was the presence of our good friend Watson Yuile from Montreal among the half a dozen or so who sat at a special table. On asking him "How come?" after the dinner, we were quite surprised to learn that Watson was the holder of pilot's license No. 6 in Great Britain, having learned to fly around 1910 and even participated at the famous aviation meeting at Paris Plage in France in 1911. It seems hard for us to imagine Watson having been the contemporary of such shining lights as Graham White, Gustave Hamel, Hubert Latham, the brothers Farman, Pégoud, Voisin, Garros and countless others, heroes of our distant youth.

For us, the highlight of the Convention was meeting of so many friends we made during our journey West in '55, Arthur Teare, Stuart Johnstone, Dr. Chapman, Arthur Robinson, Fred Harris and many others, and the making, we hope, of many new ones whom we met in the flesh after having corresponded with them.

The Edmonton executive worked like Trojans and they are to be congratulated on having carried out a fine job. Clark Bolton the general chairman, Bob Stone, the president of the Club, Stewart Kenyon, Fred Harris, Mrs. McKay, Ernie Christensen, and others worked far into the night and most of the next day, to mount the stands and frames, but everything was in place not too long after the opening hour and the Lieutenant-Governor of Alberta pronounced the exhibition open.

We could go on and on, on the success of Canpex '64, but we can but say in all sincerity: WELL DONE, EDMONTON!

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Three new Fellows of the Society were nominated, Dr. C. M. Jephcott, Stuart Johnstone and Herbert Buckland, two great collectors, both longtime members of the Society and one a modest but enthusiastic collector and faithful supporter of the Society since 1925 at least, since which year he has been an officer in one capacity or another until quite recently. A well deserved honour for all three and our sincere congratulations to all of them.

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One fellow member we were delighted to meet in the flesh at Edmonton was Ian Paterson, of Eldorado, Sask. author of the interesting article POSTMARK EDMONTON in our last issue. Truly an ebullient young man but an enthusiast to his finger tips. He made a suggestion about which we were rather dubious, the publication of a biography

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of your editor! Well, here goes: Born in Bordeaux, France, went to London with our parents when about 6 and lived there until 1913, when we were called up for military service like all other young Frenchmen. The hitch was for three years, but, as everyone knows, a bit of bother developed with France's neighbour to the North-East and the three years became six. Managed to get through the great brawl with nothing more serious than a dose of the flu in '18 which kept us with the battalion cooks for twenty-four hours. Demobilized in Sept. '19 and returned to London and the life insurance business. Became a very keen cyclist and averaged something like 10,000 miles a year until we decided to come and see what Canada looked like on the recommendation of our brother. Arrived at Halifax and Toronto at the tail end of '28 and started off again in the Life insurance business, where we were known to all and sundry as the "Cockney Frenchman". Got married and had two fine kids. Started saving stamps for someone at the office, but soon decided it was more interesting to collect them. Joined the Rosedale S.C. in Toronto, which became the North Toronto S.C., of which we were the first president. Active with the Club ever since. The late Bill Freeman, our successor as president to the NTSC, persuaded us one day to serve on the board of the Canadian Philatelic Society and a year later we were "railroaded" into the presidency. Five years of this, and then handed over the reins to Doc Geldert. Just before quitting as president, we took over as editor in July '57 and have kept the job ever since.

Retired from life insurance in October '58 and now a "gentleman of leisure" (Ha! Ha! Ha!). Collect France mainly, but interested in quite a lot of other countries, of which some of our favourites are St-Pierre & Miquelon, Venezuela, Jamaica, Great Britain and New Hebrides. Still going strong but it's about time a new editor came along! That's all! (and quite enough too!)

The Cover

The illustration on the cover represents an extremely rare cancellation, of which only half a dozen are known to exist, used on the Italian Mail Steamer service in the Mediterranean area. These show the Keyhole cancellor of the Malta-Palermo mail steamers (Piroscafi Post). Above is a portion of a cover sent on the 13th August 1864 from Messina to Trapani, franked with the 15c. grey of Italy. Both these places are seaports on the coast of Sicily, north-east to west. The lower portion of the cover shows the reverse direction, from Catania to Messina, south to north, with the date 16th August 1864 and received in Messina on the 17th. Cheap rate is explained by items being newspaper covers.

Stamps of Hungary, Greece and France are also found with Malta cancellations, in addition to the interesting Malta Lazaretto cancellation on mail from the East.

Another of the most fascinating branches of philately is the collecting of stamps of Great Britain used in Malta. These are recognized by the cancellation "A25" and the capital letter "M", which were used from 1857 to 1884 and all of which are listed in Gibbons' catalogue.

In England, the Malta Study Circle is a very active society which publishes periodical bulletins of great value to Malta specialists.

Incidentally, while many GB stamps used in Malta are not too highly catalogued, the thrill of the hunt to locate the elusive plate numbers of the various issues (Z1 to Z86a) keeps one really occupied.

These covers are from the collection of our President, Dr. G. M. Geldert.

After our remarks on the appointment of international exhibition commissioners in our last issue, we are very pleased indeed at being able to announce that Bill Maresch, of Toronto has been appointed Canada's commissioner for the great WIPA show which is being organized in Vienna next year. More details will be found on another page.

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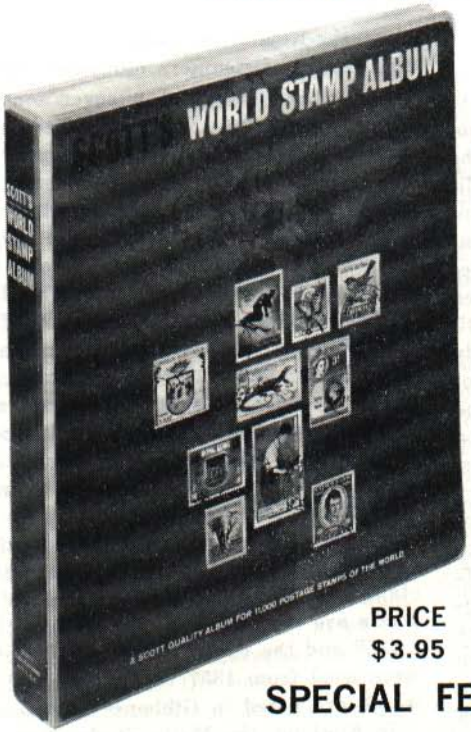

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Territory Of Papua And New Guinea Town Cancellations

By CHARLES MICKLE, RPSC 7924

Town concellations of the Territory of Papua and New Guinea, the Eastern half of the island of New Guinea, provide a fascinating study. Several factors determine the scarcity of these cancellations.

Relatively, the number of post offices being opened and closed fluctuates to a greater degree there than in Canada. Especially towards the interior of the Territory, the post offices are dependent on religious missions and economic changes. Transportation is limited in these areas, thus making communications difficult. Population is smaller, roads are fewer and consequently, most mail is carried by air.

An accurate count of the native population is not available for many of the areas. However, it can generally be assumed that the greater part of the mail will be sent by non-natives. Coastal towns, of course, especially Port Moresby, which have been exposed to our civilization for a longer period of time, may have a larger percentage of natives educated to the point where they could influence the quantity of mail handled.

Most government mail now appears to bear no adhesive stamps but rather has a government hand or machine cancellation, and lately has borne a metered frank. Most of this official mail originates in Lae, Rabaul, former administrative capital of the New Guinea section, Konedobu, a suburb of Port Moresby, and Port Moresby itself, the administrative capital of the Territory.

Many non-natives in these centres will thus be associated with the Civil Service. In private life, though, their correspondence will definitely affect the number of covers bearing adhesives.

In fact, the population difference is so great between most centres and Lae, Port Moresby and Rabaul, that these latter now have machine cancellations,

WASUA
Status: Non-official
Population: 45 non-native; native not known
Type: Circular handstamp

often bearing appropriate slogans, whilst other places use the circular hand stamp; a typical comparison is that of Wasua to Port Moresby. Wasua has a non-native population of 45, compared to 6,500 for Port Moresby.

Below is the official list of present post offices in the Territory.

Official Offices	Population	
	Non-Native	Native
1. Bulolo	600	1800
2. Daru	250	2000
3. Goroka	750	2500
4. Kainantu	200	
5. Kavieng	350	
6. Kokopo	300	
7. Konedobu	Port Moresby Suburb	
8. Lae	2600	6000
9. Lorengau	370	
10. Madang	900	10,000
11. Mount Hagen	340	1,500
12. Popondetta	270	
13. Port Moresby	6,500	22,000
14. Rabaul	3,500	4,500
15. Samarai	270	
16. Sohano	180	
17. Wewak	560	
18. Wau	420	1.500
19. Boroko Sub Office	(Port Moresby Suburb)	

Agency Offices	Non-Native	Native
1. Aitape	49	
2. Angoram	88	
3. Bogia	40	
4. Buin	51	
5. Bwagaoia	21	
6. Esa'ala	28	
7. Ihu	45	
8. Kandrian	37	
9. Kerema	100	
10. Kieta	89	
11. Kikori	20	
12. Kokoda	22	
13. Losuia	36	
14. Mendi	149	
15. Namatanai	95	
16. Talasea	46	

Non Official	Non-Native	Native
1. Banz	20	
2. Bereina	47	
3. Finschhafen	120	
4. Kairuku	270	
5. Kundiawa	160	
6. Kwikila	130	
7. Minj	100	
8. Tapini	60	
9. Ukarumpa	200	
10. Wabag	100	
11. Wasua	45	
12. Sogeri	220	
13. Maprik	156	
14. Marshall Lagoon	25	
15. Malabunga	12	
16. Woitape	36	
17. Laiagam	80	

PORT MORESBY

Status: Official Office

Population: 6,500 non-native, 22,000 native

Type: Machine cancel with slogan

(PLEASE POST
EARLY
BEFORE LUNCH OR
BEFORE FOUR O'CLOCK)

The above statistics were supplied by the Dept. of Posts Port Moresby on 10 Dec. 1963, based on 1961 census. Next census 1965. Total Population of Territory 27000 non natives, 2,000,000 native will definitely affect the number of covers bearing adhesive stamps.

The following are new post offices that have opened or will open, according to the Bulletin of the Papuan Philatelic Society. Their status and population figures are not known:

NAME	OPENING DATE
Koroba	10 : 12 : 63
Tari	3 : 1 : 64
Kagua	14 : 1 : 64
Erave	16 : 1 :64
Pangia	18 : 1 : 64
Ialibu	20 : 1 : 64

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The host club, the Edmonton Stamp Club staged a very fine exhibition of some 450 frames of competitive material with many fine entries and a particularly interesting Court of Honour rich in historical material of the West.

Great credit is due to G. C. Bolton, the General Chairman, R. L. Stone, President and E. J. Christensen, Secretary, of the Edmonton Stamp Club and to all the members of their committees for putting on such a well-organised show, as well as providing a fine programme of entertainment for the ladies.

Under the Distinguished Patronage of His Excellency Major-General Georges P. Vanier, Governor General of Canada, the exhibition was officially opened on the Thursday by the Lieutenant-Governor of Alberta, the Hon. J. Percy Page.

A reception was held in the evening by the Royal Philatelic Society of Canada at which the President, Dr. G. M. Geldert, of Ottawa, and the Directors of the Society welcomed the delegates to the convention.

A feature of the opening day was the interest shown in Canada's new Unity stamp which was available at the CANPEX Post Office at the exhibition. Over $700 worth of the new stamp were purchased by collectors on the first day of issue. Covers were cancelled with the "FIRST DAY CANPEX" slogan and the date stamp of the CANPEX P.O., Edmonton, Alberta. Recent commemoratives from the Philatelic Bureau in Ottawa were also on sale at the exhibition post office.

A good bourse, with a number of prominent dealers from Eastern Canada, was another feature of the show.

The exhibits showed particular strength in British Columbia and Vancouver Island material, with many fine showings of Canadian issues.

The Grand Award, the Brisley Trophy, and a Gold Award went to Stuart Johnstone (Vancouver) for his fine display of B.C. material which included a wonderful array of covers and Express covers. Mr. Johnstone also won a Gold Award for his showing of the Small Queens issue of Canada.

Other Gold Awards went to J. A. Pike (Ford, Wash.) for his showing of B.C. and Vancouver Island, this exhibit also won the Seagram Trophy; J. Watson Yuile (Montreal) for his beautiful showing of Grenada, which also won the Harris Trophy for British Commonwealth; Joseph Vondrak (Chicago) for Austrian Newspaper Tax Stamps; and Sidney W. Ivry (Montreal) for his fine showing of Austria and Venetia-Lombardy which also won the Green Trophy for Europe.

Fourteen Silver Awards were made as follows:— Dr. Robert V. C. Carr (Youngstown, Ohio) B.C. and Vancouver Island; Stuart S. Kenyon (Edmonton) Canada 1c. 1859 specialized; Sam C. Nickle (Calgary) Canada 3d. Beavers; Stuart Johnstone (Vancouver) Canada Large Queens; W. Rorke (Edmonton) Canadian E. VII and Admiral Coils, also the Woodhead Trophy for 20th Cent. Canada; Edmund A. Harris (Calgary) Western Canadian covers; Walter P. Carter (Toronto) Cancellations on 3c. Small Queens of Canada; J. J. Legeer (East Rochester, N.Y.) U.S.A. 3c. 1851 specialized, also the Goodrich Trophy

for U.S.A.; Matt C. Dillingham (Palo Alto, Cal.) 18th Cent. Pre-stamp Covers used in the British Colonies in America; Henry Whittaker (Victoria) Sudan; Anton H. Zahm (Syracuse, N.Y.) N. W. Pacific Is.; A. H. Hinrichs (Toronto) Indian covers; Dr. J. J. Matejka Jr. (Chicago) Austria and Lombardy-Venetia; and A. H. Christensen (Westmount) Norway classic issues.

Thirty-two Bronze Medals were also awarded to the following:— Frank S. Evans (Sedro-Wooley, Wash.) B.N.A.; Walter P. Carter (Toronto) Canada S.Q.; O. E. Weber (Galt, Ont.) Canada coils; Frank S. Evans (Sedro-Wooley, Wash.) Newfoundland; D. W. Thompson (Richmond Hill, Ont.) N.W.T. cancels, etc.; Mrs J. C. MacDonald (Canton, Ohio) Cross-Border Covers; W. Rorke (Edmonton) Canadian Military covers; George E. Pond (Simcoe, Ont.) Canada S.Q.; Clarence A. Kemp (Toronto) Canada Squared Circles; Stuart Johnstone (Vancouver) Canada cancels; Dr. N. O. Boyd (Windsor, Ont.) Canada proofs etc.; R. J. Wooley (Toronto) Canada Perfins; Mrs. Kathryn Lamb (Kitchener) Canada newspaper covers and cards; W. Rorke (Edmonton) Canada Registrations; E. D. Berry (Ottawa) Great Britain; R. T. Fraser (Rossland, B.C.) Channel Islands; Dr. & Mrs. Robert S. Breakey (Lansing, Mich.) U.S.A.; Arthur G. Robinson (Calgary) Montana Terr. Covers; Lt. Col. H. H. Starker (San Antonio, Texas) Hawaii; Ralph C. Tipper (Toronto) Sarawak; A. W. Blakeley (Toronto) Ceylon; Charles Thomas Mickle (Hensall, Ont.) Papua; A. G. McKanna (Toronto) France; Louis M. Lamouroux (Toronto) France; W. J. Banks (Toronto) Norway; Lt. Col. C. Langley (Tacoma, Wash.) Peru; Philip D. Larson (Midland, Texas) Mexico; Walter J. Stern (Winnipeg) Israel; H. Sutherland (Toronto) Chefoo locals; Dr. Gerald S. Davis (Burlington, Mass.) Egypt Foreign Posts; Emile R. Pleau (Montreal) Baden Powell Centenary and S. J. Cohen (Montreal) Nobel Prize Winners.

The Jury consisted of L. A. Davenport (Toronto) chairman, Dr. C. M. Jephcott (Toronto), J. N. Sissons (Toronto), C. C. Sonne (Moose Jaw) and Henri Gauthier (Ottawa). Trophies were only awarded by the Judges to exhibits in the Gold and Silver classes.

The Court of Honour contained much lovely Canadian material shown by Vincent G. Greene (Toronto) and E. A. Smythies (Tralee, Ireland), as well as a great wealth of material relating to the early days of the North-West. This included showings by Robert C. Woodall (Wimborne, England) on the postal history of the Yukon and many early North-West territorial covers assembled by W. Rorke (Edmonton).

AT EDMONTON

L. to R.: Dr. G. M. Geldert, President, RPSC; Les Davenport, the Hon. John R. Nicholson, Postmaster General; and Mrs. Geldert.

An exhibit of particular interest was the material from the Archives of the Hudson's Bay Company in London consisting of early covers and documents appertaining to Edmonton.

A display of special interest was the pages of essays and proofs of the early George V stamps of Great Britain from the H. C. V. Adams collection, which had been sent over by the Royal Philatelic Society, London.

Fine displays were also shown by the Canada Post Office of sketches, proofs and other related material of Canadian stamps closely related to Alberta, which included the Whooping Crane, David Thompson, Alberta-Saskatchewan,

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There was also a most fascinating display of material including the original sketches for the Whooping Crane stamp which was designed by the late Dr. Wm. Rowan, F.R.S.C. His widow was an honoured guest at the banquet on the Saturday evening.

The Crown Agents showed an attractive and colourful display of B.N.A. stamps of the Caribbean area.

On the Friday morning, an informal joint meeting was held of the members of the British North American Philatelic Society and the Canadian Philatelic Society of Great Britain, when members from the East were able to meet, many for the first time, those living in Western Canada.

This was the fourth consecutive gathering in Canada of members of the British specialist society at the R.P.S.C. Conventions. Last year both the B.N.A.P.S. and the C.P.S. G.B. held meetings at the Niagara Falls Convention.

Both the President, Dr. C. M. Jephcott, and the Vice-President, C. A. Westhaver, of B.N.A.P.S. were at the Edmonton meeting. A cablegram of good wishes was read by W. Rorke from Graham F. George, President of C.P.S.G.B. The meeting was arranged by L. F. Wilson and F. N. Harris of the B.N.A.P.S. Edmonton Group.

In the afternoon, a meeting of those interested in Canada's early air mail took place with displays of early flown covers and other historical material. Later at the Alberta Dinner, at which the Lieutenant-Governor of Alberta was the principal guest, the Alberta Bush Pilots were honoured. Several of whom gave most fascinating talks on the early days of air transportation in the West. The dinner was held under the chairmanship of G. C. Bolton and an address of welcome to Alberta was given by Dr. J. D. Ross, the Minister of Health, speaking on behalf of the Premier of Alberta.

The Annual Meeting of the Royal Philatelic Society of Canada was held on the Saturday morning with Dr. Geldert in the chair. The President reported steady progress throughout the year in all phases of the society's activities and noted that every Province was now represented on the membership roster.

The Board for the 1964-65 term were elected as follows:—President, Dr. G. M. Geldert (Ottawa); Board of Vice-Presidents, A. H. Christensen (Westmount), James Law (London), and Dr. N. O. Boyd (Windsor); Editor of "The Canadian Philatelist", L. M. Lamouroux (Toronto); Treasurer, A. G. McKanna (Toronto); Secretary, Walter F. Ander-

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The Convention concluded with the Annual Dinner of the R.P.S.C. under the chairmanship of the President, Dr. Geldert, who welcomed the delegates and again sincerely thanked the host club for staging such a fine show. The Postmaster General of Canada, the Hon. John R. Nicholson, was the guest speaker. Also present were W. H. Wilson, the Deputy Postmaster General and C. R. Worthen, vice-president of the Canadian Bank Note Co. The head table was led in by a Highland Piper.

The Postmaster General said that Canada's stamps represented the nation to the rest of the World and stressed the importance of maintaining a high level of acceptance of Canada's stamps both at home and abroad. "I am very much in favour", he said, "of maintaining good relations, the best possible relations, with organised philately and I intend to do everything within reason to make our Canadan stamps attractive to collectors." Referring to the new Unity stamp he said that it was a symbol of the unity of nationhood, in the fostering of which Canada's postal service has played an important part. The printing of the new stamp will be much larger than normal and it is planned to keep the run in production much longer than usual.

In the course of his speech Mr. Nicholson described the various difficulties that had been encountered with the Christmas stamp that will be issued this year. The design it was felt should have a religious theme but at the same time an effort should be made to select one that would retain a spiritual quality without entering any particular religious sphere. The design showing a father and mother with a little child at each side looking over a winter scene with a star in the background would offend no one's religious sensitivities in the least. The next problem was the quantity to be printed and thirdly the denomination, taking into account the possible change in the first class rate. Last year roughly 325 million cards were sent at the old 2 cents rate and 150 million were sent first class.

Fred Jarrett, R.D.P., (Toronto) thanked the Postmaster General and Vincent G. Greene, R.D.P., (Toronto) proposed the toast to the ladies.

The Chairman of the Jury, L. A. Davenport (Toronto) announced the six Gold Award winners and the winners of the R.P.S.C. Trophies.

The dinner was concluded by Dr. Geldert announcing the awarding of three new Fellowships, to Stuart Johnstone

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The President's Report

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the Royal Philatelic Society of Canada in Edmonton May 16th, 1964

On behalf of the Royal Philatelic Society of Canada, I desire to extend our thanks and compliments to the Edmonton Stamp Club on this the occasion of the 36th Annual Convention of the RPSC for staging a remarkable Exhibition and Convention here in Edmonton in 1964.

We have brought an excellent representation from Eastern Canada (39) which would have been doubled had train accommodation been available. In addition to those members present, I hold 194 proxies from others not here today.

For the benefit of those members who are not too familiar with the Royal's activities, during the past year some changes have been made in the set up of our organization.

1. Owing to our widely spread membership & Directors, we have adopted the practice of other National Philatelic Societies in appointing a Board of Vice-presidents from the Directors to administer the affairs of the RPSC. This consists of 4 vice-presidents together with the president. This has worked out most efficiently saving vast amounts of correspondence and meetings to settle many small problems.
2. A mid-season Regional meeting was held in London, Ontario, which was well attended. As a matter of fact, eight of our 12 Directors are here in Edmonton for this convention.

While of course the main function of the Royal is to provide its benefits to its members, we have made certain outstanding changes in regulations dealing with the clubs affiliated with the National body as chapters, on interim report of which will be presented later at this meeting. Services to chapters will be provided to the limit of our financial resources. However, such must not be considered a one way street and we expect whole-hearted cooperation from the Chapters in return. The continuation of and/or expansion of these services will depend to a great extent on the results achieved, which results will be re-examined and assessed after a reasonable period of time.

We are the only National philatelic Society still operating on an annual membership fee of less than $5.00. With expenses rapidly increasing such as printing, postage, operation of the Sales Department, to mention only a few, we may be compelled to increase the annual dues to $5.00 in 1965.

While the treasurer's report shows a healthy operating condition for 1963, items such as the publication of handbooks, membership year book and other printing will bite heavily into the surplus for the past year.

You will have noted that the asset side of our balance sheet is being slowly built up to take care of unforseen details and the eventual provision of a suitable home with a small paid staff to care for a multitude of details which have jumped by leaps and bounds. As is always the case with a growing organization, the question of voluntary help becomes more and more of a problem.

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with the Canadian Post Office Department continue to be most satisfactory and we are receiving their utmost cooperation. Note the issue of the new stamp to coincide with the opening date of this Convention, as well as the presence of the Postmaster General, the Deputy P.M.G., the Executive Assistant to the P.M.G. and other officials from Ottawa.

Such is the value of a strong national organization like the Royal as compared to scattered localized Clubs or groups which carry no particular weight by themselves. Only in unity is there strength, hence we must strive always to build up massive support for the RPSC with societies such as Edmonton & Calgary in which we number 48 & 28 RPSC members respectively. We must ascertain why it takes 17 days longer for the C.P. to reach Edmonton than Ottawa. Machinery has already been put in motion with the responsible persons to remedy this lapse in time.

I must again impress on you the tremendous growth in prestige being achieved by the RPSC marching as it is towards the 2000 membership mark and including some 300 members in the U.S.A. as well as members from the United Kingdom and throughout the entire world. Such speaks for itself. Note the areas from which we draw members in the forthcoming Year book which we hope to include with the September issue of the Canadian Philatelist.

Indeed, the rostrum of the RPSC might be considered a list of "Who's Who" in Canadian Philately. Prestige of a National Society is a Must, of paramount importance if we are to increase in members, finances and stature: if a top notch Journal is to be published: if leading philatelic firms use our columns to advertise everything from new issues to rarities in classic stamps.

We now can proudly claim to be the largest ROYAL Philatelic Society in the world and we must continue to maintain our leadership if we expect the continuance of adequate support in all our undertakings. I call on each and every one of you to lend your assistance in maintaining and strengthening the team in the best interests of Canadian Philately.

I desire to thank my Board of vice-presidents and our Directors for their cooperation during the past year and with these I couple the name of our Sales Manager, Henri Gauthier. All these are very busy men who have given unstintedly of their time for the good of the cause.

The columns of the Honour Roll in each issue of our Journal are a roster of what members are hustling around to add new members to bolster our finances, strengthen and enable us to do the kind of a job for philately you all wish to see. Is your name inscribed thereon? if not, now is the time to get busy and show

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From Parliament Hill

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

Re-entries or retouches on recent stamps produced by the steel engraved method can seldom be found. The difficulties of making any change to a surface hardened steel plate are well known and the cost is a major factor. There is no shortage of good steel suitable for stamp production but there is a shortage of good qualified personnel to carry out such a delicate operation. The slightest slip (I am talking here of dimensions of one-thousandths of an inch) may ruin the attempt to correct a fault on the steel plate. The hardened surface of the steel plate must be softened at the spot requiring repair, a task which, if not done with great care, might result in misalignment of some of the stamp subjects. Another problem is that the plates are curved and not flat making it difficult to work on one subject. Although the individual stamp on the plate may have only a curvature of a few degrees retouching a line along a curved body is not easy. A number of philatelic articles have suggested that re-entries or retouching can not be done on surface hardened plates, but this is not correct. As a matter of fact there are a number of recent Canadian stamps which show that corrections have been made to the plate. A re-entry carried out by an expert may not be identifiable but fortunately for the philatelist not all these re-entries or retouches are invisible. The present 50 cents Textile stamp shows some subjects having been retouched.

There is some evidence that in the very last few months of the life of the "G" overprinted stamps a new style of "G" was used. We have word from England that the new style "G" can be found on the 10, 20 and 50 cents stamps. Only a few may be found and so far they have been noted only on the horizontal large type stamps. We have not seen this new G and can not describe it but it should not be confused with the many varieties of overprints reported so far all caused by the wear of the printing plate. The thin G, thick G and broken G all fall into this category.

The Universal Postal Union meets again, this time in Vienna. The Canadian Post Office has prepared a little souvenir folder with the stamps of the period 1959 to 1964. These folders will be given to every member of the Union and Canada in turn will receive a folder from each of the participating countries. Some of these folders are beautifully designed souvenirs. These folders or sometimes very elaborate stockbooks are in great demand by collectors. Since they always contain complete sets, many of them have a high catalogue value. With many new nations issuing their own stamps this year's Postal Union Congress will produce about 200 such books.

It might be of interest to report the issue of the new Michel Germany Specialized Catalogue. It is now 26 years since such a catalogue was last published. The cost of printing, the last war and the enormous research required to bring this catalogue up to date prevented the editors from bringing one out. The catalogue has over 800 pages giving all the details of German stamps. This includes the Old German States, Colonies, Occupations, Danzig, Memel and Saar. The catalogue describes all known varieties, plate inscriptions, gives comments on forgeries, cancels, value of multiples of the older issues and First Day Covers. Unfortunately, it does not include the Locals or Private Post stamps, stationery and flight cancellations. The value of such a catalogue can best be described by a stamp which has been

housed for many years in a German collection. What appeared to be an insignificant plate flaw of a stamp with a Scott Catalogue value of less than five Dollars, turned out to be listed in the specialized Catalogue at two hundred Dollars! The catalogue is in German but the many pictures make it easy to follow the text.

Recent corrections for prices in the Yvert and Tellier Catalogue show fantastic increases in countries such as France, Italy, Austria and Switzerland. Some increases are as much as 50% indicating the great demand for European stamps. Even Russian stamps have become very popular and the sales circuit of our own society can hardly get enough material.

Speaking about buying of stamps we must again put out a warning to all. Everyone knows that many classic stamps have been forged. There was a time when there seemed to be more forgeries on the market of certain stamps than genuine. Slowly, with the help of expert committees, and improved knowledge by dealers and collectors some of the flood of forgeries was reduced. But lately a number of dealers in Europe have started to advertize that they would like to buy damaged stamps and that they are willing to repair and modify stamps as required. We have noticed a number of very clever repaired and so called modified stamps from Europe with removed cancellations, added perforations, changed overprints and chemically changed papers. Make sure if you buy a classic stamp that it is what you want. A bargain price is nearly always an indication of dirty work!

On May 2nd Willie Hirsch of Prescott, Ont. died suddenly. Willie was an active member of the Royal for many years and participated in almost all the major events of the Ottawa Valley stamp clubs. His last activity was the judging of the combined RA Stamp Club and Ottawa Philatelic Society Exhibition. His knowledge in philately extended

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Sir:—I should like to comment on a small part of Mr. Hans Reiche's article on 'Valuation of Admiral Cancels' in the March-April issue. He states in referring to the Montreal 'Dotted Circle' cancellation that — 'this cancellation has only been found on the Admirals and was apparently in use during 1914-15'.

I have two examples both used on Edwards and dated July 2nd and August 7th, 1911. Furthermore, J. Millar Allen has reported copies used between April 11, 1910 and 28 Jan., 1916, with a revival on March 1st, 1939.

CHARLES HOLLINGSWORTH,
Walsall, England R.P.S.C. 6797

Sir:—The note by Aurora Borealis in the May-June issue prompted me to note the following findings which I have made recently using ultra-violet (Black light) to look at my stamps, particularly the Canadian ones.

I too have detected varieties of paper used in recent Canadian issues. The paper varies from non-fluorescent under UV light through medium fluorescence up to a brilliantly fluorescent paper. Furthermore, there seems to be no rhyme nor reason to existence of these papers in any single issue.

When I checked with the Post Office Department about this they passed my letter along to the Canadian Bank Note Company in Ottawa. The latter replied after a time to this effect. The company requires that a certain standard of whiteness and brightness be met by the papers used in the printing of Canadian stamps. They do not specify how these standards are to be achieved with the result that the paper manufactures included various amounts of additives to bring the paper up to the required standards. It is these additives which fluoresce under ultra-violet light stimulation. Furthermore because the amounts of additives will vary with the various batches of papers the fluorescence of the papers will also vary.

When the stamps of any issue are printed the note company makes no attempt to standardize the fluorescence of the papers on economic ground. Thus we have the situation which we find in our more recent issues and printing of older issues, i.e. the papers in a single issue can vary from non-fluorescent to highly fluorescent with intermediates also present.

I have found much the same as Aurora Borealis did when I looked at my stamps, and have attached the following list to indicate them.

1954 QE II—

2c.—2 papers present; fluorescent and non-fluorescent.

3c.—ditto

5c.—2 or 3 papers ranging from non-fluorescent to fluorescent.

3c.—Plate #1. UL, LL, LR all non-fluorescent.
#1. UR strongly fluorescent.

3c. Plate #2. UR fluorescent but weaker than UR of plate #1.

10c. Eskimo—
Plate #4. UL medium fluorescence 'Granite paper' effect.

5c. Education—
Plate #1. UL only fluorescences giving 'Granite paper' effect.

Red River Settlement—
2 papers present, non-fluorescent and highly fluorescent.

Victoria Centennary—
UL & UR highly fluorescent
LL & LR non-fluorescent.

15c. Goose—
Plate #1. 'Granite paper' effect in all plate positions.

$1 Export—
Plate #1. "Granite paper' effect in all plate positions.

new 4c. and 5c. definitives also show the 'granite paper' effect.

I have not tried our most recent issues but suspect that they too will show

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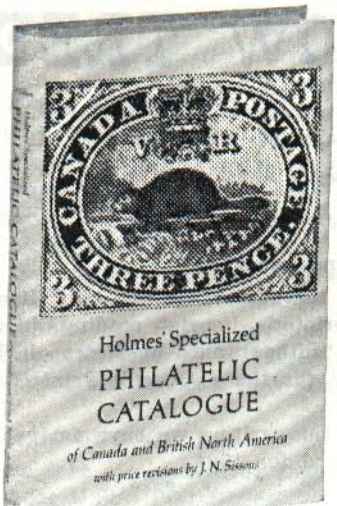

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some fluorescence as well as non-fluorecence.

What this amounts to is this. We can no longer be sure of getting matching plate blocks from the Philatelic Section in Ottawa. Naturally most of us will not be aware of the paper varieties unless we put them under UV light, something which the majority of collectors probably do not do anyway. But it is of interest to know that such a possibility does exist and that they should be prepared for the paper varieties which they might have.

I should also add that a number of countries are using fluorescent papers in the manufacture of stamps and the number seems to be increasing. I could include a list of those countries which I found using such paper but I feel that a collector would get more enjoyment out of looking for them himself.

The United States seems to shy away from fluorescent paper as I have been able to find only 2 stamps which had fluorescent paper. These were two examples of their recent Washington 5c. definite but cannot recall offhand whether they were coils or regular stamps.

West Germany on the other hand has gone one better than most countries. The usual colour for fluorescent paper under UV light is a bright bluish white colour. Germany is using paper which fluoresces a very bright yellow and makes these stamps stand out quite clearly from all other stamps under UV light. In fact if you had a pile of stamps, all face down and shone UV light on them you could immediately separate them into recent West Germany stamps and others.

And a final note of caution. There are two types of Ultra-violet light both of which will make stamps fluoresce. One is the long wave ultra-violet (black light) which has a wave length of 3660 angstrom units and is harmless to eyes, skin etc. The other is the short wave ultra-violet with a wave length of 2537 angstrom units. The latter can be

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The HOLLOW TREE

By ED. RICHARDSON (R.P.S.C. 6991)
303 PIN OAK DR., LA MARQUE, TEXAS, U.S.A.

#705—1765 AMERICA EMBOSSED REVENUES USED AT QUEBEC

Back in packet #639, we mentioned these early revenues. We pointed out that these were supposedly distributed to offices in Quebec, Montreal and Halifax.

In Jim Sissons' Private Treaty offers, lot #2281 consisted of the following:—

3d - used on document
6d - off document
1 sh - used on document
2 sh/ 6d - strip of 4, used on document
10 sh - used on document

These were all used from Quebec, and Jim says "These are the only values I have seen used from what is now British North America — other denominations were used in some of the southern colonies. The embossed impressions are without color and normally embossed directly on the document."

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#706 — POST OFFICE COMMEMORATIVE SOUVENIR FOLDER FOR 1963

Supplementing our listing of these folders issued for 1959 through 1962 (packet #634), we tardily report the card issued for 1963.

1963 (Series 5)

—Contained 11 stamps, — 8 5c. commemoratives, plus the new 1c. 4c. and 5c. regular issue.

—First to be mounted on a special folded card the cover leaf being printed in red and blue on white.

—The accompanying envelope is printed in brown instead of red as previously. Design of maple leaves and two shields.

On the reverse of the card itself is the printer's imprint reading, in three lines "Lithographed by Metropole Litho Inc. / for the / Queen's Printer, Hull, P.Q."

At this writing we have not yet seen the card for 1964.

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#707—CHECK STAMPS, 2nd ISSUE

Holmes lists only six different control numbers to be found on FCH 2, the scarce rectangular check stamp without denomination. For those interested in collecting all the different control numbers, we call attention to those we have seen:—

A 211	A307	A 365
A 228	A314	A 399
A 243	A350	A 463
	A363	

——a total of ten varieties, of which we have all but A 211 and A 243 in our own collection.

The old Marks Revenue Catalogue gave major numbers to each of the control number varieties, and perhaps

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#708—"N.S." BILL STAMPS WITH DOUBLE OVERPRINTS

The 6c. value of the Nova Scotia "N.S." double overprint has long been known, and is listed in Holmes as NSB 7a. While lacking in our collection for a long time, we are happy to report we now have a copy. From the same source, the Stokely Collection, came another, unlisted variety,—the 20c. value with the double overprint. The second overprint is somewhat higher and lighter than the first, — perhaps more correctly described as a "kiss" print. Can anyone else report a copy of this?

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#709—"LABRADOR ESSAYS"

These fake locals, bearing the legend "Labrador U.S.A. Post Office", are well known by all BNA specialists. The $1 value is quite common, and most copies are without gum. The 5c. and 25c. values however are rather scarce.

These are often listed in the Newfoundland section of auction catalogues, and are given a catalogue value of $30.00, which was an admitted error on the part of the original cataloguer. Their real value today is nearer $12 for the complete set. Blocks of the $1 are fairly readily obtainable, but are rare in the other values. We believe the following listing fairly accurately reflects the value of these sideline items.

		Single	Block
5¢	black and green	5.00	30.00
25¢	black and blue	6.00	40.00
$1	black, carmine & green	.80	3.50

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#710—MANITOBA Ist ISSUE "C.F." DOUBLE O/P

Holmes' lists a "double strike" for the 20c. value of the 1st issue Law stamps overprinted "C.F." This really should be listed as "Overprint—doubled". Not only that, we also can report that this double overprint is known, not only on the 20c. value, but on the 10c., 50c. and $1.00 values as well. We have seen three copies of the 10c., two copies of the 20c., one copy of the 50c. and two copies of the $1.00.

Look your copies over very carefully, the doubling is not always readily noticeable. Most of the second overprints vary in position only slightly from the first impression.

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#711—TELEGRAPH COVERS

Telegraph covers have long been a sideline favorite of mine, and generally speaking, these have not been too frequently found in dealer's stocks in recent years. They are of three types:—

a.) Used in company business, as an ordinary cover, through the mails. These are really a form of Advertising covers.

b.) As an envelope containing the telegraph delivered by messenger. Usually bears only the name of the recipient.

c.) As an envelope conveying a telegram from the nearest local office, forwarded by the mails.

My own interest is mainly in the later two groups, although it is often impossible to tell whether the cover had type "a" or type "c" use, particularly if the telegram is not available.

A recent purchase of an outstanding collection of these covers will add considerably to my collection, and should provide some future notes for this column. I would be interested in hearing from others with a similar interest.

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#712—"GRAIN CONFERENCE" FORGERY

J. Millar Allen of Lisburn, N. Ireland, writes us as a result of packet #682 on the Vancouver fake surcharges. "I have a crude forgery of the overprint of the World's Grain Conference at Regina on the 20c. red. I don't know if it is a product of the 'honest' forger of Vancouver".

Many thanks, JMA. This is the first I had heard of any forgeries of this stamp, but the news does not surprise me in view of the long list of modern Canadian overprints which have been forged.

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#713—"IN PRIZE" VARIETY

Nelson Bond, a very careful compiler, in his fine catalogue of Canadian Federal revenues, noted that while he had not seen them, there had been reported several varieties of the "IN PRIZE" overprint **struck twice in red.** In our study of these interesting "IN PRIZE" issues, we had never seen, nor had reported any double strikes except those struck once in red and once in violet.

We have recently obtained a pair of the 10c. blue Widow Queen (Supreme Court Revenue), one stamp struck once in red, the **second stamp struck twice in red!** The second overprint is over the control number which is also in red and easy to overlook.

Unless some reader comes up with reports of this variety existing on other values, we'll assume that the double strike exists only on the 10c. value.

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#714—"OFFICIAL" PLATE BLOCKS

Recently I spent a few hours making some comparisons in retail (not catalogue) prices between 1962 and 1964 price lists. Both were from the same dealer. In particular we were interested in what had happened to the "O.H.M.S." and "G" plate block prices over the past two years.

The comparison seems to bear out Herman Herst's often quoted statement "Cheap stamps never become rare." Almost without exception, the majority

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256	1.50	321	5.50
268	1.50	322	.27
269	.90	323	.40
270	1.25	324	.45
271	1.35	325	.15
272	6.50	326	.20
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274	.38	328	.28
275	.38	329	.45
276	.38	330	.25
277	.28	334	2.85
282	.28	335	.45
283	.35	336	.40
284	.20	337	.15
285	.30	338	.20
286	.25	339	.65
287	.40	340	.30
288	.40	341	.30
289	.25	342	.95
290	1.50	343	.85
291	.24	349	.40
292	.28	350	.40
293	3.00	351	.60
294	3.25	352	.40
301	.60	353	.38
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303	.55	355	.55
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47	47	6.50
57	55	7.50

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A good group of Canadian exhibits has already been entered, but it is hoped that more outstanding collections will be forthcoming, so that Canada too will be well represented at this international exhibition.

Several Canadian collectors and dealers have already made plans to attend Wipa 1965 in person and it is hoped that many more will take advantage of the facilities offered.

Wipa 1965 promises to be an outstanding international exhibition in every sense, and in the finest surroundings, so plan now either to participate or to attend.

Prospects for Wipa 1965, as well as other philatelic information regarding the show, are available from the Canadian Commissioner to Wipa 1965, Wm. H. P. Maresch, 628 Yonge Street, Toronto 5, Ontario.

Pamphlets on Vienna and Austria are obtainable from the offices of the Austrian Tourist Dept., 62 Richmond St. West, Toronto 1, Ontario.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

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us what you can do.

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THREE NEW FELLOWS OF THE SOCIETY

At the Banquet following the Annual Convention of the Society, Dr. Geldert, President, announced the appointment of three new Fellows of the Society, Stuart Johnstone, of Vancouver, Dr. C. M. Jephcott of Toronto and Herbert Buckland, of Port Perry.

Stuart Johnstone, a long-time supporter of the Society, is one of the outstanding philatelists, not only of the West, but also of Canada. He is well-known as one of the foremost experts on the stamps of Vancouver Island and British Columbia, of which he has a wonderful collection. He is also a keen collector of the stamps of Canada and particularly the Pence Issues and the Large and Small Queens.

Dr. Clare Jephcott has also been a member of the Society for many years and is known as one of the greatest living authorities on the stamps and Postal History of Canada. He is co-author of the new handbook which appeared recently, the Postal History of New Brunswick and Nova Scotia. He is also a Fellow of the Royal Philatelic Society, London.

Herbert Buckland has been a member of the Society since 1923 and an officer in one capacity or the other since 1925 until three years ago. He is an authority on the stamps and Postal History of Great Britain, of which he has an outstanding collection. He is also a Fellow of the Canadian Philatelic Society of Great Britain.

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from Canada to Newfoundland and to the stamps of Europe. His specialized collection of the three cents Jubilee cancellations was outstanding. His great friendship with all philatelists will be greatly missed. The Society has lost with him a major supporter.

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CHAPTER NEWS

• GREENWOOD, N.S.

The RCAF Greenwood S.C., our newest chapter, reports a very successful exhibition, **Greenwood Stampex 64**, with over 300 visitors, including Ross Baker, Secretary of the Truro P.S., Eric Tizard and Collins Baugild, President and Treasurer of the Nova Scotia S.C. The Exhibition was held in Kingston N.S.

The Grand Award went to R. L. Burton (Covers) and the winners of the other classes were: G. MacKenzie (Canada, Topical and display cat. $10 or less); D. Ellis (Commonwealth and Foreign); G. Franks (Specialty); G. Sutherland (Junior); Pete MacDonald (outside exhibitors).

Later a banquet was held for the presentation of prizes at which 36 were present and the guest speaker, D. Crawford, showed his mint and used copies of the Inverted Seaway and explained how he had obtained them.

Well done, Greenwood! Looks as if you have some real enthusiasts down among the Downeasters and Bluenoses!

• PORT ARTHUR-FORT WILLIAM

The Lakehead recently had a visit from the Editor, on his way to Edmonton and the Editor can but say "thank you" for a wonderful time. He was accompanied by Des Cole, of the NTSC, and Stan Shantz, president of the London P.S. was also a visitor.

The Lakehead S.C. may be pretty well isolated from the point of view of the stamp trade, but it certainly is a lively club.

Our sincere thanks to all those who made our visit such an enjoyable affair, the President, Eber Brady, Larry Marrier, Bert Foster, Joe Hughes, Ed Tacium, Bert Somerton and many others.

The Class winners in the Club's recent exhibition were Bert Foster (Used Jubilees) in XIXth Century, and again in XXth Century (varieties of the 2c. Admiral); Bert Somerton, (Newfoundland 1928-31); Sig Fuhr (West Berlin commemoratives) and August Hirn (Topical - Common Market and United Europe) August Hirn also won the Apfelbaum Gold Medal for the best exhibit on printed pages.

LAKEHEAD S.C. EXHIBITION

L. to r: Oliver Anttila, General Chairman, J. Eber Brady, President and Sig Fuhr, winner of first place trophy in Class 4 (Foreign) and of the RPSC plaque for Best in the Show, with his entry of West Berlin commemoratives.

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● QUEBEC

The Société Philatélique de Québec is holding an Exhibition in the Fall. Et surtout ne pas oublier de nous faire connaître la date et l'endroit en temps utile.

Gérard Lemieux has been elected President for the 1964-65 term and the Club's capable secretary, Mlle Marguerite Fortin, remains in office.

● OTTAWA

Following the R.A. Stamp Club's Annual Exhibition, a banquet was held at the Eastview Hotel at which awards were presented to the prizewinners. Besides those appearing in the photo below, J. C. G. Borne, Mrs. H. Reiche, Miss M. Over, Mrs. H. Makow, Hans Reiche, Walter F. Anderson, L. S. Sloan and Mlle J. Toussaint, also won awards for their exhibits.

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Some award winners at the Club's recent fourth Annual Exhibition. Standing, R. Mitchener, President, two awards, one for Tristan da Cunha and the other for a selection of stamps and covers illustrating the political and philatelic history of Ethiopia during the Italo-Ethiopian War; Seated, L to R: Merville C. Kertcher, RPSC Plaque for Canada; Mrs. Norma Gilmour, Barnard Trophy, Coronations stamps of George VI and Queen Elizabeth; Colin Bayley, chairman of the Exhibition Committee (recently elected to the Board of the RPSC).

CHAPTER MEETINGS

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of these plate blocks remained stationary or declined slightly in price. The exceptions were the rarities. In the "O.H.M.S." group the significant (50% or better) changes were:—

	1962	1964
07 14c. Hydro	2.75	4.50
09 50c. Lumbering	275.00	na
010 $1 Ferry	45.00	75.00
011 50c. Oil	17.75	35.00
E01 10c. Spec. Del.	8.00	13.50

Of the others in this group, there was one not quoted, two dropped in price, six remained the same, and only four had slight increase.

In the "G" group, the following had significant price changes:—

020 5c. blue	6.00	11.50
024 50c. oil	6.75	11.50
030 20c. forestry	2.00	3.25
040 1c. brown	.20	.50
041 2c. green	.25	.40
043 4c. purple	.35	.75
E02 10c. Spec .Del.	9.00	15.00

Of the others in this group, ten dropped in price, four remained the same, and six had minor gains. Three were not quoted.

Our conclusions? Only that the rarer items will only go higher, and that one might better buy the tough ones first and fill in with the cheaper items later. It costs less in the long run.

CHAPTER MEETINGS

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• SPECIAL LOW RATES FOR LISTING CHAPTER MEETINGS •

Congress Medal 1964 Awarded To Frederick Walker

Frederick Walker, who for many years was the Keeper of the Roll of Distinguished Philatelists, was presented with the Congress Medal for 1964 for Outstanding Work for Philately at the 46th Philatelic Congress of Great Britain on May 29 at Bournemouth. Mr. Walker brought the Roll out to Canada in 1951 for signature at CAPEX in Toronto, and has since made several visits to Canada and the United States. He is at present on his way via the Panama Canal to New Zealand and Australia which he has also visited on several occasions. Mr. Walker is the Hon. Secretary of the Postal History Society.

Big Business

The United States philatelic agency in Washington reports cash sales for the fiscal year ended in July at more than $3,000,000. This is 10 times the volume in 1930 and indicates the tremendous volume of mint stamps being stowed in albums of stamp collectors, and hoarded in the strong boxes of speculators.

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Phosphor-Tagged Stamps

By DR. EDWARD S. MERCANTINI, R.P.S.C. 8167

The idea of sorting postal material electronically had its birth around 1957 when the public was informed by the Post Office Department that Canada would soon be getting stamps coated with a phosphorescent material. The new stamps would enable machines to present letters the right way up to go through a new sorting system which would segregate, face and cancel postal material automatically electronically.

The equipment, called the SEFACAN, was installed in Winnipeg, Man. at the end of May, 1963. The equipment comprises three basic parts: namely Segregator, Facer and Canceller units. Mail is conveyed to the segregator by a conveyor belt, and mail that is not in letter form, including letters too thick or too large to go through the automatic cancellers, is first removed automatically. The remaining letters are then neatly stacked but are not yet face up. Letters are then fed into the Facer-Canceller unit which scans each letter in turn. As each letter passes the scanning portion of the machine, it is exposed to ultra-violet light rays of 2537 Angstrom unit wavelength, and this "excites" the phosphorescent substance causing to glow and enabling the machine to recognize the stamp and determine its location on the envelope. Envelopes not the right way up are turned over and all envelopes are aligned with the stamp in the upper right corner. The machine then cancels the stamps and stacks the letters face up in orderly fashion.

The machine also separates those envelopes bearing a 4c. stamp for local delivery. It "recognizes" the 4c. stamps because this is the only denomination with but a single vertical phosphor line down the centre of the stamp, while all the other denominations have two vertical lines, one along each border. Letters with no stamps or with stamps in an improper location or a number of locations, go to a special reject stacker for hand processing.

Besides the above method, which uses the bluish-green after-glow produced when the stamp is briefly irradiated with ultra-violet light, the Sefacan equipment employs another method for detecting the stamps on a letter. In the absence of a tagged stamp, a second method is employed which is based upon the low reflectance of stamps in a narrow band of the visible spectrum. It is for the latter detection method that stamp colours were recently changed on the regular Queen issues (the 4c. denomination for local letter rate was changed from violet to carmine).

The British Postal Administration's system of a colloïdal graphite line on the back of the stamp and employing a high voltage charge through each envelope was a basic plan from which the Sefacan has been developed. However it was felt in Britain that markings of a type that would be less visible (such as phosphor tagging) would not disfigure the stamps so much, and therefore, on Wednesday, November 18, 1959 Britain issued stamps with phosphor lines on the stamp. These also had the vertical graphite lines used in previous experiments. Since then these graphite lines have given way completely to tagged stamps. The phosphor tags on the British stamps consist of one, two or

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three vertical glowing lines and sometimes the line extends the entire width of the stamp and sometimes is only partial.

Denmark tags some of its stamps with a paper which fluoresces yellow. Germany also uses a fluorescent paper featuring a light green or yellow glow. The U.S.A. test program for electronic machinery started in August, 1963 with the issue of its first tagged stamps, the entire stamp being coated with a phosphorescent material. Their program started with only airmail sheets being tagged, but later extended to their Christmas stamp and other regular issues. A free glowing airmail sticker is also offered by the post office for those who wish to put postage other than red-glowing airmails on their letters. The sticker glows pink and regardless of what kind of stamp is used and the machinery sorts for the reddish glow first. Dayton, Ohio was selected for the trial city by the P.O.D. of the U.S.A. because it is the home of the National Cash Register Company which is the contracting company that developed the technique there. The first class mail denominations of the U.S.A. glow green in contrast to the pink-red of the airmails.

In Canada, since Winnipeg was to be the test area, that community was completely saturated with tagged stamps starting on January 13, 1962 which was the first day of issue of the tagged 1c. to 5c. denominations of the Queen Elizabeth portrait regular issue of 1954 design. These were sold in Winnipeg during the whole of 1962, and at the end of that year and during the early months of 1963, the 1c to 5c denominations of the second tagged issues made their appearance. These were the 1962 Queen regular issue stamps with phosphor overprint. The first tagged issues became obsolete and there are signs that they are quickly becoming very difficult to find in either mint or used condition.

The Canadan Bank Note Company applies the phosphor overprint (tag) on the stamps by a letter press printing process. Apparently, the standard for tagging fell short of the P.O.D.'s requirements on some orders from the manufacturers in that there was a slight variation in the registration of the vertical bars on some stamps of the second issue. These "rejects" could not be used in Winnipeg for the Sefacan equipment and so were sent to the Toronto area exclusively for distribution there to the public. Otherwise tagged stamps since the first day of sale on January 13, 1962 up to the present time could be purchased by the public only through Winnipeg post offices or through the Philatelic Agency of the P.O.D. in Ottawa.

By no means have the electronics engineers of the P.O.D. perfected the Sefacan equipment, and even though it is in operation in Winnipeg, an intensive programme for further improving its performance is underway. Certainly with the interest generated by tagged stamps in the U.S.A. since their pilot installation at Dayton, Ohio, and with Britan, Germany and Denmark all experimenting with these issues, tagged

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The following bibliography is a fairly comprehensive reference list of articles and notes which have appeared in the Canadian and American philatelic press on the subject of phosphor coating of postage stamps, and are recommended reading for anyone truly interested in this fascinating sideline of our hobby. I certainly shall continue studying these issues and invite comment or information from anyone else interested in them.

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Handstruck Cancellations Of British Columbia

By LESTER SMALL, RPSC 7713

Much has been written from original research on early handstruck cancellations and these have their devotees. It is the steel hand struck cancels since 1910 that today are more easily secured but about which very little is known or recorded.

Until three years ago I had very little interest in these cancels despite being a stamp collector for over forty years. As a post office employee with over twenty years in the service, I have been right at the source of their birth.

Today with the speed up of the mails in this jet age, the post office is using more high speed cancelling machines and meter machines to keep down expenses. The latest addition is the dated roller cancel for first class mail. The handstrike in the major post offices today is relegated mostly to the registration branch.

As a British Columbia resident since 1918, it is natural that I concentrated on this province in detail. What I write about British Columbia can be applied to each of our provnces, the Yukon and the Northwest Territories.

The archives in the Parliament Buildings in Victoria are available to me and so I have access to the Postmaster Generals' reports since British Columbia joined the Dominion of Canada. These reports are factual and give a wealth of reading. As a postal employee, my knowledge has to be detailed and this background has been invaluable in my correlating this material.

The first objective is to get as complete a list of the post offices that may have existed in British Columbia at all times: either currently open or offices that are closed and are included in the nixie lists. My list is over 25 pages of such offices and this list is by no means complete. Items have turned up consistently that have no date, never been found on an existing list and these are a challenge to the collector. Every post mark should be accounted for geographically. Do not just accept someone's word. Too often pertinent current information is not recorded today and tomorrow is too late — put it down and verify.

An "entire" is probably the most desirable of items from postal history point of view, but several thousand of these take up room and are hard to mount. How to mount is always the problem in research work and someday someone may find a simple way to do so.

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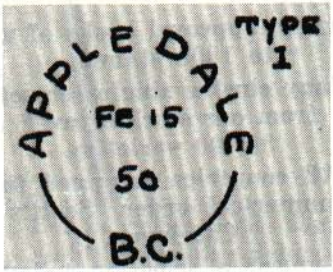
cancel right on the stamp complete should command top billing. Next, the cancel partially on the stamp and partially on the envelope. Cancels on backslips, receipts or used as a backstamp on the letter should be kept. In many cases I have been unable to secure them in any other form. No cancel should be thrown away or destroyed. Your neighbour may need it. To date we have no way of knowing the number of handstamps emanating from British Columbia's 2800 post offices.

Used on the mails today in British Columbia are the broken circles, duplex hammers and the closed-circle hammers. These again break down into sub-varieties.

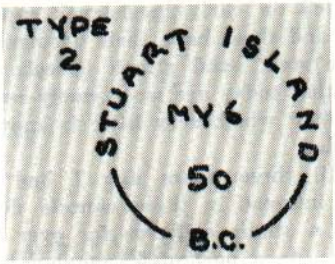
I have heard that within five years, the broken circle hammer will be completely out of use and will be as much a classic as the squared circle. In the last two years, the number of these in use has decreased by half. The post office has now a policy of conformity and is following this right down the line from operation manuals to equipment.

The broken hammer-perhaps known by other names—has been in use for a century. Its long use has made us rather ignore it. In a way it is the cancel that has tied two centuries together. It comes in two formats; the



name of the town at the top and the province at the bottom, and the type being in large or small type. It is to be understood that one office may have all varieties of handstamps during the life of that office, but when a post master has used care this hammer has lasted through to today. It is only when a hammer becomes badly damaged that it is replaced.

If you are successful in having a good variety of these hammer cancels you will find that there is a definite variation in diameter, also. These run from 23 mm to 25 mm. It can be assumed that over a period of time the hammer



heads have worn badly and that a new head would be requested. The post office would tender for a new lot and these would be similar but not necessarily the same size.

A new hammer gives a sharp cut and after being in service for years, wears down and gives a thicker strike. This is not a variety.

In earlier usages of these broken circle hammers, the postmaster used it to cancel the envelope only. It was the habit to cancel the stamp with a "killer". This first appeared in a circular form with heavy bars. Examples: Ft. St. James, Burnaby Lake and Harrogate. Perhaps protests from philatelists caused the post office department to introduce a similar type but with eight fine lines. Examples: Thurlow, Pt. Crawford, Gran-

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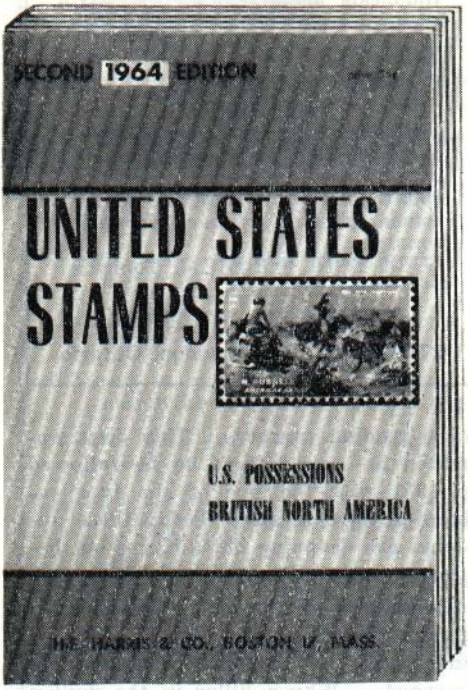

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In searching for broken circle types of the very small offices, be sure to look on the back of all envelopes. Older regulations, now obsolete, called for the receiving offices to backstamp all their mail. Sometimes very little mail emanated from an office and these backstamps of receipt are vital to make enough to go around.

With the growth of the province, the volume of the mail stepped up, a speedier method had to be found. So man, an ingenious creature when it comes to getting out of work, devised the duplex hammer, combining the head and the killer in one unit. The broken circle was discarded with the introduction of the duplex. The new dated part of the head was now in a complete circle.

These duplexes appeared in many types. The first was the complete circle and killer—the killer with nine heavy lines, and the same size as the dater companion. A number of larger towns had these: Victoria, Vancouver and Vernon. This circular killer was then discarded and an oval shaped one appeared with nine heavy bars. Examples: Duncan and Invermere. Then an eleven heavy bar type appeared exceeding the dater in height. Examples: Williams Lake, Glacier and Cranbrook.

The next duplex to appear is still quite common in usage—the killer with seven curved lines. The letters in this killer still were of large type. As we appeared to want the world to realize we were growing up, the word "Canada" was put in between the dater and the killer-reading upwards. This first appeared in large letters, to be followed in 1951 with the size of the type reduced a third in size. Today these duplexes are dropping out and are not being renewed.

Returning to the single hammer, a change had taken place here. A new line of thought-economy in production, emerged. Why a killer in the duplex anyway? Why not a light hammer like the original broken circle but a change in design, and cancel both stamp and date on the envelope. This was the adaptation of the dater first used in the duplex. In 1951 this was again modifed and a newer version of the complete circle appeared with the letters one third smaller.

In one variety of the larger type, the city name and province are together in the top and Canada is in the bottom. Victoria and Vancouver are examples of this. In the larger offices the time element appeared, A.M. and P.M. was the first indication of

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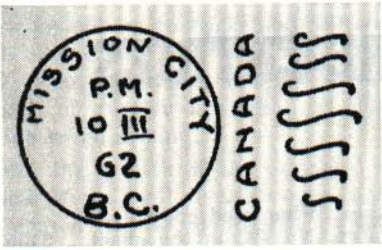

In Victoria on July 19, 1958 a brand new type of hand cancel appeared—the two ringed circle. The diameter of the outer ring is 35 mm and the inner ring is 27 mm. In the outer part between the two rings is the town, province and year. The hour, day and month, is on a rotating roll. These new cancels appeared in only three towns in B.C. They were withdrawn on Dec. 31, 1962. Not very many examples exist despite their use in the large cities.

A handstrike used in Vancouver is distinctive in as much that the city name is across the center of the dater. The top is blank and the date is in the bottom. It is used primarily for date stamping facing slips. This is still in current use. Also used in the early part of the century was a receiving hammer. It carried no town unit, just day, month and time and usually appeared near the sending office hammer strike.

In the postmarks used on the night Canadian Pacific Railway Steamer, when postal clerks were carried between Victoria and Vancouver and vice versa, appeared the letters N.T. for night trip.

Way mail was cancelled aboard the vessel and a reasonable mount may be found cancelled thus. When it was the rule to back stamp all the mail, letters may be found with this marker.

Nanaimo has a rather odd hand strike, not often found on mail—more often as a backstrike. It is the squared circle of that town, ground down. The outer circle is broken and coincides with the inner ring of the cut circle.

Another rather hard to find cancel is the Vancouver district emergency strike. It is used for offices where the new office canceller has not arrived on time.

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In a collection of post office cancels, there often occurs an omission of items that should be contained in this type of collection. I have seen numerous private lists of open and closed offices in B.C. without R.P.O. Cancels; it may be that the Post Office department at Ottawa has led to these omissions by not listing them in the official lists.

We have had railways in Canada for over a hundred years. I myself have quite a R.P.O. collection in various types and variations. However, I feel that in a provincial collection that these cancellations be included as well.

B.C. has cancels of these ambulating offices in various types. Today these cancels are practically gone out of use and only on a few existing lines are they still in use.

As highway services took over it meant abandonment or consolidation of runs. A good example is the Prince Rupert-Prince George run, which has appeared under several names and sections.

A romantic appeal could be said to exist with some of these R.P.O. cancels. In the early days old stern wheelers plied the lakes of the interior. The S.S. Sicamous and the Minto are familiar names in this service and carried post offices aboard. The Okanagan Landing and Penticton R.P.O. and the Robson and Arrowhead R.P.O. and had their own hammerstamps. What more delightful surroundings could one have than sailing up the lake on a warm June day, writing about your vacation and then mailing it in the mail box on the stern wheeler? Or come to B.C. in 1964 and sail up Burrard Inlet on the MV. Scenic, where our only western T.P.O. exists in B.C. with its own postmark.

Paquebot cancels can also be found in this category and Victoria has its own hammerstamp which is quite rare. Nearly all R.P.O. cancels in B.C. fall into one type — the ring cancel handstamp with large and small lettering varieties.

Another series of handcancels that very seldom appear in B.C. collections are the military, airforce, and naval strikes. In B.C. during the last war there were 27 of these hammers. They were in use only a few years and already are very hard to secure. In fact I have only seen a half dozen from Royal Roads and they were seen in the mail stream at the post office.

The hand stamp is fast disappearing

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like the trumpeter swans. Carelessness is fast destroying these cancels. Information and types must be secured now before it is too late. This article only scratches the surface. I have four albums of material with only three years effort and a long way to go yet. There are many varieties recorded and most likely more to be discovered. I hope this article will help others to get ideas on similar lines, and some day perhaps a hand book of the cancels of the last fifty years may yet appear.

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