The Balbo Tripyque of Italy
Dear Friends:

While attending the Sipex Show in Washington a few weeks ago, I was introduced to Mr. Yuan who is a stamp dealer from Tokyo Japan. He had a large stock of world stamps for sale, mostly sets, but also covers, packets and quantities of singles. The inventory, although in English, was still a most complicated and difficult one to understand and value. However, after much figuring from right to left, multiply by 2 and divide by 4, (get the idea) I finally bought the lot. Included were over 17,000 Japanese 1st. day covers on beautifully engraved envelopes. I then made a list of all the Japanese stamps and packets in the lot, took it around to an American dealer who specializes in this group and offered it to him. He said "Please leave the list with me to study". The next day I went back — he bought the lot, and then told me he had already resold it to a visiting dealer from Japan and would I mind shipping it directly to that country. No it wasn't the chap I had bought it from, however, the stamps traveled from Japan to Washington to Toronto to Japan and everybody is happy.

The National Trust Company administered the Estate of the Late Mr. Canata of Toronto. This gentleman had collected stamps for many years and had a tremendous accumulation of Canada, also good British Colonies, Vatican, and other foreign countries. I was called in to make a valuation and offer on the lot. On the appointed day I was taken down into the bowels of the Trust Company, through the 3 foot thick vault door and was seated in front of 14 large cartons of stamps. There were many thousands of Canadian plate blocks, mint sheet files of full sheets, booklets, stock books, albums and so on. A number of other people had offered on the lot, but I'm happy to tell you our bid was top and the board was moved to Empire Stamp vauts which are not quite as pretentious as the National Trust Company's, but nevertheless adequate. Incidentally the National Trust Company is to be complimented on their careful handling and conscientious concern of the sale and disposal of the stamps for the Canata Estate.

For what I believe is the first time in history, the Federal Bureau of Engraving in Washington invited stamp collectors for a tour of the inner sanctum of printing of the United States stamps. This was arranged through the Officials of Sipex and I was most fortunate to be included. Executives of the department signed us in and personally conducted our tour from the beginning to the end of the production of stamps, giving full explanations and allowing us to see the machinery and to talk to the employees first hand. I was allowed to pick up and hold a bundle of sheets of the Sipex 5c. stamp. On the open market these have been worth tens of thousands of dollars. It was interesting to see other imperforate sheets and errors. The department is to be congratulated on the all out effort they made to make our visit to the Bureau an interesting one.

On another evening in Washington, I was invited to the British Embassy for a cocktail party to meet with the different members of the Crown Agents' Department and also the thirty or forty British dealers who were attending the show. This was a bang up affair and took place in the Rotunda Room of the Embassy.

If you are coming to Toronto for a visit at any time this summer, please be good enough to come and see me, but you might remember that we are closed on Saturdays until after Labour Day.

Philatelically yours,

Harry Maxfield

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and not necessarily endorsed by the Society.
The Editor Speaks Out ....

A NOOTHER Convention has passed into history and its story is told on another page. However, we feel we must add a few words on a highly successful affair, so ably carried out by the Hamilton Philatelic Society, under the competent leadership of Col. Lloyd Sharpe and Russ McNeil and their committee chairman. They really worked hard and the results were patent to all who attended.

It was a wonderful three days and thoroughly enjoyed by all. We hope to come back to Hamilton in the not too distant future.

We have on occasions been asked what there is in a philatelic convention to attract people from distant places and we think the letter from Wallace Mitchell of Boston, which appears in THEMAIL BAG, provides a very good answer.

We have met this little group of keen enthusiasts from the Boston area at nearly all the conventions of the past few years and it is always a delight to see them. We hope to meet them again for quite a while yet!

We may be mistaken, as were so occupied with various matters that we had little chance of meeting everyone, but it seemed to us that we had fewer of our members from Southern Ontario than before. Whenever our convention has been held in this part of Ontario, we have always met many members frm all parts of the province, from Belleville to Windsor, but this year, we missed many well-known faces.

Our President, Dr. Geldert, accompanied by the gracious Mrs. Geldert, was present and everyone was glad to see him looking so well after the lengthy bout he has had for more than six months with the medical faculty. He presided the President’s reception, the Annual Meeting and the Banquet with his old verve.

Shortly after his return to Ottawa (by road), he wrote to us saying that he felt a “little tired” after his exertions. This was no surprise to us, as our “tiredness” after our return was more than a “little”. Frankly, we were very tired, but it is surprising how rapidly one recovers!

One person who was missed at Hamilton was our Vice-President Allen Christensen, who had the misfortune of slipping on the stairs at home and breaking his right arm.

We received a letter from him which he typed with his left forefinger. Must have been a slow job! However, he is recovering rapidly and is looking forward to going shortly to his summer place in the hills of the Eastern Townships.

The Maritimes were really represented at the Convention this year, as Mr. and Mrs. Eric Tizard, of Halifax, were present, as also Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Carson, of Moreton. No doubt some of our readers will recall a letter sent in by Lloyd Carson recently about the scarcity of the Inverted Seaway and we had an interesting little discussion on the subject.

The “champion traveller” though, was CWO Ben Jacobson, who came all the way from Santa Barbara in California to be with us, with Mrs. Jacobsen. Mr. Jacobsen is quite a Canada enthusiast and has a profound erudition on the stamps of our country.

The Post Office set up at the Convention seemed to be doing a land office business at all times. There was a good supply of items of all kinds from the Philatelic Agency in Ottawa, and in addition, all the sheets of the new London Conference stamps which were on sale bore the plate number. These plate number blocks were detached from the sheets and sold out well before noon on
the first day! Mind you, you had to take the regulation ten stamps to get the plate block, but who cared?

We mailed a few FDCs, including a couple for ourself, which we found on arrival home to be perfectly cancelled exactly as we like 'em. “socked-on-the-nose” bang in the centre!

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Our old friend Vic Crouse found some old French covers and he was kind enough to think of us and give them to us. Among them was a nice 1855 cover with the stamp cancelled by the “Petit chiffre” “1” (Abbeville). While not scarce by any means, it is difficult to find, for the very good reason that every collector of these numeral killers tries to get No. 1. Needless to say, this nice gesture of Vic’s was a great treat for your editor! It was ample compensation for our “hardships” at Hamilton!

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We were delighted to see Ed Richardson and Jim Law elected as Fellows of the Royal Philatelic Society of Canada. Ed Richardson is known to all as the author of the ever-interesting column THE HOLLOW TREE, which started in POPULAR STAMPS and after the demise of this journal, continued in our CP. Ed is known to be among the greatest authorities on the stamps of Canada and is a fount of knowledge on many of the side-lines of Canada.

Jim Law is one of our best philatelists and his collection of Large Queens is one of the finest in the country. He is also an expert on some of the West Indies but he has disposed of much of this material.

These two members are both keen and first class philatelists, and in addition have done a great deal for the Society and fully deserve the distinction of an F.R.P.S.C. Welcome to our Fellowship, Ed and Jim!

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1066 is the one date that seems to be remembered by all schoolboys in the English and French speaking world, and on the occasion of the issue of a stamp to commemorate the Battle of Hastings by the French Post Office, we think it would interest our members to read a translation of the French Post Office's description of the stamp and the battle. We quote:

"On the 27th September 1066, at sunset, the greatest fleet ever assembled of the memory of Christians, slowly left the port of St Vaëry-sur-Somme steering north. There floated in the wind, over this immense fleet, the standard of Duke William, the three lions of Normandy.

"Apparenty, Edward the Confessor, who had died on the 5 January without leaving any direct issue, had, while living, designated his same William the Bastard, Duke of Normandy to succeed him, and Harold, brother-in-law of Edward, had accepted this choice at the time and even promised his support to William, which did not prevent him, as soon as the news of the king's death reached him, from reneging on his oath and taking the crown.

"William was furious at this betrayal. In vain he threatened, promised, negotiated and even obtained from the Pope a bull of excommunication against Harold. Thanks to this precaution, William prevailed upon the barons to follow him, to recruit mercenaries all over Europe, ensured the benevolent neutrality of the king of France and the emperor of Germany, in short organized a gigantic expedition, which, according to contemporary witnesses, placed him at the head of some 40,000 men. 2000 ships of all kind transported the army to the coast of Sussex, which the armada reached at Pevensey, on the morning of the 28 September.

"The Normans landed on England's soil without meeting the slightest resistance, for three days before, Harold was repulsing a Norse raid in the neighbourhood of York. The Norse attack gave William the necessary time to develop a solid bridgehead while awaiting Harold's inevitable reaction. In fact, Harold, as soon as he heard of the Norman landing, hastened south by forced marches and, on the 14 October 1066, the two armies stood facing each other to the north-west of Hastings.

"Harold and his Saxons occupied the crest of a hill and relied mainly on their foot soldiers, organized so as to present a narrow but compact front. On the other hand, the Normans, counting on the greater mobility of their horsemen, as also on the protection of several ranks of archers.
WESTERN TRIP

Attending this year's BNAPS Convention in Calgary should provide an opportunity to see quite a few of our customers and friends (and, I hope, meet some new ones) between Toronto and Vancouver. In order to see as many people and places as possible, my wife and I plan to drive to Calgary and beyond in September.

Below is a tentative schedule. Anyone living along the route outlined or reasonably close to it, who is interested in buying, selling, or just talking about stamps of any country, is invited to write me as soon as possible. When I see where most of the stops are going to be, I will set up a more firm timetable and let you know what date we can meet.

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arranged their knights in three groups, Flemish and French on the right, Bretons on the left and Normans in the centre.

“All day long, the Norman charges, one after the other, failed to break the enemy ranks. On the contrary, following a particularly murderous assault, the Breton knights retreated in disorder into a ravine, where the horses stumbled. Panic began among the Normans and all seemed lost when William decided to attempt a tactical ruse. He ordered that a new charge be immediately carried out, followed by a simulated retreat. The Saxons fell into the trap, started off after the pretended fleeing troops, left their positions far behind them and finally found themselves surrounded. All the Normans had to do was to rush into the unprotected Saxon camp. In the body fighting that followed, Harold and his two brothers were slain, while after a last attempt at regrouping, the remains of the Saxon army were massacred on the spot.

“At sunset, William was master of

the battlefield. The victory was to change the course of history. William had an entire country at his mercy, the old Saxon customs were relegated to the rank of local curiosities, the language of the vanquished was to be replaced for three centuries by French as the official language and solid Norman customs and structures were installed from which came in time the essentials of the religious, legal and political institutions of England.

“Undoubtedly, on the evening of the 14 October 1066, William could not see into the future. He only realized that the murderous battle of Hastings had allowed him to retake a kingdom of which they wanted to deprive him, and thus, William the Bastard became William the Conqueror.

WILL WHEN REPLYING TO ADVERTISEMENTS
SAY YOU SAW IT IN CP
#821—THOSE YUKON AIRWAYS FORGERIES AGAIN!

In packets #805 and 817 I have mentioned these forgeries of the YUKON AIRWAYS semi-official airmail stamp. Recently I was able to acquire a couple of full sheets, and some part sheets of the various colors, so can now give more details.

They definitely ARE forgeries! They are not plate proofs, trial color printings, and they are not reprints from the original plates.

They were printed not too many years ago in Winnipeg. I have been told that the man responsible has since moved to the U.S.

These forgeries were printed in sheets of ten (5 horiz. x 5 vert.) whereas the originals were issued in strips of ten. The sheets are rouletted vertically and horizontally, but the four margins are imperforate. The margins are very wide.

While the forgeries do not have the sharp vertical mesh wave paper found in the originals, they do have a fine vertical mesh. The roulette is quite unlike that found in the genuine. The design is a poor imitation. The paper and gum differ from the original.

The genuine stamps were engraved, the forgeries are lithographed.

The forgeries exist in the following five colors:

- Yellow Green
- Ultramarine
- Orange vermilion
- Yellow orange
- Lake

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#822—WESTERN CANADA AIRWAYS CONFEDERATION PART-PERF.

Supposedly there exist twenty-five vertical pairs of the Western Canada Airways Confederation issue which are imperforate between. Since these were supposed to come only five such pairs to a sheet, that would mean that originally there were five sheets showing this variety.

The addition of a second such pair to my collection is the cause for these comments. The second pair is on the "somewhat yellowish paper". I have examples of this paper variety both on and off cover. It has never been recognized as a variety, and I am not suggesting that it should be. It is however a distinctly different paper. In fact the paper is somewhat similar, but more distinct than the "yellowish paper" variety that is given major variety status by Sanabria, in the Cherry Red issue.

So now this paper variety shows up in the "Vertical Pair, imperf. between" variety.

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#823—25¢ ON 10¢ YUKON LAW

That block of four which I reported in packet #812 as being sold in Jim Sissons’ auction, was purchased by a very well known Toronto revenue dealer, and has since been broken up into singles. That means there are approximately 10 collectors, perhaps 12 at the most, now owning a single example of this rare stamp. In future catalogues it will likely list at $100 or more.

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#824—S/O/A/M/S BULLETIN

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#825—1926 2-LINE SURCHARGE.
VERTICAL PAIRS, LOWER WITH NORMAL, UPPER STAMP WITH DOUBLE SURCHARGE, ONE INVERTED

Way back in packet #506 we surmised that this variety existed, and five years ago in packet #529 we reported seeing a block of four of this variety, and pointed out there must be at least eight more vertical pairs in existence.

At last a third such pair has showed up. This was lot #1447 in the H. R. Harmer (NY) sale of April 14th.

In the same sale was a “vertical pair with double surcharge, one inverted on each”, and also showing the inverted surcharge in the wide upper margin. This was lot #1446. These two varieties are of course related. The fact that the extra inverted surcharge occurs in the top selvedge accounts for the missing invert in the pairs from the bottom of the sheet which are always straight-edged.

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#826—SASKATCHEWAN REVENUES OFFER QUITE A CHALLENGE

The Sissoms Catalogue of Canadian Revenues lists only eighty-six major varieties of Saskatchewan revenues,—but this group offers an interesting challenge for a collector looking for a limited field, as a sideline to their main collecting interest, or as a specialist study by itself.

First there are the two printings of the 1st Issue Law stamps of 1907. These can be plated. They were issued in sheets of 25 and contain many minor varieties. There are two rarities.

#R1a 5¢ Inverted Centre—1st Printing

#R17a 75¢ double print—2nd printing

The second issue is a toughie, particularly when one tries to complete it in both mint and used condition. In our book the 20¢ and the 5¢ are the toughies in mint condition, and the $10 and $20 in used.

The third and fourth issues, the last of the Law stamps, were engraved and do not offer too much. However plate no. blocks are possible with the 1938 issue.

The Electrical Inspection stamps are an interesting group, but those Saskatoon issues of 1911-1927 are tough, especially the 1913 50¢ Blue and the 1927 25¢ scarlet. Lucky indeed are those collectors who own examples of all five of these rarities.

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#827—CANADIAN AIRWAYS HORIZONTAL PAIR, IMPERF. BETWEEN

Holmes lists as S-036a the Orange and Pale Blue, in horizontal pairs, imperforate between, with 10 pairs known, indicating only one sheet occurred with the error.

Sanabria lists this same variety as S49c, and also indicates the number known as ten pairs. The error occurred between the first two vertical rows of stamps, and in the left margin. Normally the stamps were perforated all around, including the margins. This error gave rise to pairs which are perforated at right, but imperf. between, and imperf. at left.

Both of these fine catalogues also list the scarcer shade. Orange and Blue. The blue is a much darker, brighter shade. But neither of these catalogues lists the “imperf. between” in this shade. So now you can add this variety to their listing, and there must be another nine pairs of them, the Orange and Bright Blue, in horizontal pairs, imperf. between. Oddly enough the error occurred in exactly the same way!
Between the first two vertical rows, with perforfs at the right, imperf. between and in left margin!

We have both varieties in our collection.

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#828—PRECANCELS ON THE KING EDWARD ISSUE

For anyone not interested in taking on the entire precancel field, and yet wishes to tackle a field which will test their abilities and purse, we suggest they take a look at the King Edwards. This has long been one of our favorites. Yet we are a long way from being complete!

At latest count there are some 363 varieties of these if you count everything. However we eliminate those double inverted, triples, etc. We stick to the normal, inverted doubles, blue ink, "no line" and error varieties. But even these count up to 299 varieties. Our latest count—just 227 or about 75% of our goal.

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#829—MORE ON THE 1965 ALBERTA WILDLIFE LICENSE STAMPS

In packet #807 we reported that the 1964 series had been replaced with a new series in 1965, but we had not yet seen any copies.

We can now report that the designs are very similar to the 1964 series, but they are larger. Whereas the 1964 series were approximately 1½" x 1", the 1965 series measure approx. 1¼" x 1¼". In those we have seen the colors remain the same. With the exception of the Bird Game stamps, the new series has one other difference. The 1964 series had a blank place for writing in the certificate number. The 1965 series have two blank spaces, one for the certificate number, the other for the tag number.

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#830—STR. VADSO MARKING

Who can tell me the story of the large oval red marking reading “BOSOWITZ S.S., Co. / STR. VADSO / Victoria & Vancouver”? It is a large handstamp, approx. 2½” long, and presumably was of hard rubber.

Those that I have seen are of the King Edward Issue vintage, and the one in my own collection is on a large piece, bearing a Vancouver Machine cancel of April 21, 1909, tying a 2¢ Edward. Was this a steamship that plied between these two towns? Is the handstamp authentic?
This is a typical photographic plate from one of our catalogues (there are nine plates, 60 pages and approximately 1,500 lots in every issue). It illustrates the type of material which appears in our Postal History Auctions. Sales are held monthly — the next take place on 23rd July and 20th August, 1966. A specimen copy of the catalogue is yours for the asking, free and post free (50 cents by airmail to abroad.)

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The 38th annual convention and exhibition of the Royal Philatelic Society of Canada was held under the distinguished patronage of His Excellency General Georges F. Vanier, D.S.O., M.C., C.D., Governor-General of Canada, at the Holiday Inn of Hamilton, May 26 to 28, with the Hamilton Philatelic Society as hosts.

The host club under the general chairmanship of Col’ onel Lloyd W. Sharpe, E.D., Q.C., provided a splendid program of social events including special tours for the ladies. During the convention a number of study groups were also held.

On the Thursday morning, A. B. Morris, postmaster of Hamilton, officially opened the exhibition and the special Post Office where the London Conference Stamp was available on its first day of issue. A special slogan cancellation was used on mail posted at “Tipex,” reading in four lines,


In the evening the Royal Philatelic Society of Canada’s reception was held at which the president, Dr. G. M. Geldert, F.R.P.S.C., F.R.P.S.L., and Mrs. Geldert and the directors welcomed the delegates to the convention.

On the Friday, a civic luncheon was held at which Mayor Victor Copps of Hamilton welcomed the guests. The presentation of the friendship plaque to the Buffalo Stamp Club from the Hamilton Philatelic Society also took place at the luncheon. In the evening the host club held a reception at which Albert Dawson, president of the Hamilton Philatelic Society, and the members of the Tipex committee received the guests.

The annual general meeting was held on the Saturday morning under the chairmanship of Dr. Geldert, president of the society, who thanked the host club for the excellent arrangements they had made for the convention and the exhibition.


The convention concluded with the society’s annual banquet under the chairmanship of the president of the society at which the guest speaker was Fred Jarrett, R.D.P., F.R.P.S.C., F.C.P.S.


The Grand Award, the Brisley Trophy and a Gold Medal were won by Mrs. J. C. McDonald for her exhibit of covers showing the Trans-Atlantic mail service between British North America and the British Isles until 1840. The other Gold Medal was awarded to Dr. Robert V. C. Carr for his exhibit showing Nova Scotia covers of both the pence and cents issues.

Other awards were:

SILVER MEDALS: Edward F. Burley, Port Credit, Ont. — Canadian Coins; Thomas E. Elhen, Wichita, Kan.—Denmark; Thomas E. Elhen, Wichita, Kan.—U.S.A. 1869; Edmund A. Harris, Flin Flon, Man. — Prairie Cancellations; James H. Harrison, Tasmania, Australia—New Guinea; Sidney W. Ivry, Montreal—Netherlands; CWB Ben Jacobson, Santa Barbara, Calif., Squared Circles; Herbert Milnes, Woodstock, Ont.—Birds on Stamps; J. Robert McMurrrich, Gannanoque, Ont.—Canada Stampless; Col. Lloyd Sharpe, Q.C., Dundas, Ont.—Canadian Prisoner of War covers; Anton H. Zahn, Syracuse, N.Y.—Australia.


Mrs. Geldert at Tipex

FELLOWSHIPS — James Law, of London, Ont., and Edward A. Richardson, of La Marque, Tex. TROPHIES — BRISLEY, for best in Show, Mrs. J. C. McDonald, Canton Ohio, Ship Letters between B.N.A. and G.B., 1760-1840; GELDERT, for best exhibit among members of the Hamilton P.S., Col. Lloyd Sharpe, Q.C., Dundas, Ont.; CHRISTENSEN, for best Great Britain exhibit. Gordon Bazeley, Toronto; LAMOURoux for best France and Associated Countries; Alan G. McKanna, Etobicoke, Ont.; SHYMKO PLAQUE, for best Air Mails. C. Russ McNeil, Burlington, Ont.; MON-
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An Echo From The Past

At TIPEX, member Douglas Crawford of Markham, handed us a little magazine, THE HOBBYIST, dated March 1910, which appears to have included, at the time, the official journal of our ancestor, the Canadian Philatelic Association. The Association was founded in 1887, for there is a reproduction of an article by "Johnny Canuck", mentioning that the second year of the Association's life, 1889, was a successful one that promised a "long and vigorous career". They were then approaching 200 members. The Annual Convention had been held in Halifax from July 31 to August 3.

On the afternoon of the last day an excursion was carried out by water to the North-west Arm, where the party landed and a photo was taken, which we reproduce herewith, a remarkably clear one after seventy-seven years! The members standing, from L to R are: Larsen, Hart, Craig, DeWolfe, Crane, Kaye, De Wolf A.B.S., Sitting: Kuig, Emory, Stone, Goodrich and Hechler.

The last, we think, would be of interest to Ed Richardson, if we are not mistaken! As a matter of fact, Hechler was the president of the C.P.A. that year. We notice also, among the officers, that the Sales Superintendent was G. H. Crouch, of Dovercourt Rd., Toronto, no doubt the father of the well-known dealer.

Our thanks to Mr. Crawford for this very interesting "Echo from the Past".

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More details later. Chairman, Mrs. Gillrie, 630 Rockway Drive, Kitchener, Ont.)
B.C. Postal History

By R. N. ATKINSON

Years ago I recall my father, the late Edward O. Atkinson, telling me about the remainders of the Vancouver Island and British Columbia Crown Colony stamps, which lay sheet on sheet in the safe belonging to the Postal Inspector's office at Victoria, B.C., during the years 1890 to 1897. The Inspector at that time was an Irishman by the name of Rooney.

Father had joined the Postal Service in B.C. late in 1888 and started what turned out to be quite a career in postal affairs in the young province. His first posting was to the newly completed "E and N" a mail clerk, and he took the daily run from Equinault to Nanaimo. Occasionally he missed a regular trip to help out in the Inspector's office at Victoria and apparently got in enough time there to make himself quite familiar with the office routine and the inner workings of the place, to the extent that he continued as relief inspector for many years.

From 1890 to 1897 he ran as mail-erker between Vancouver and Calgary, being one of the seven who had full control of all mail east and west for the Western Division of the C.P.R. Those were the days when mail for the Orient and Australasia was all sent via this route, as it was aimed to be the fastest possible route. One of his most memorable experiences occurred during the great flood of 1894, when he had charge of the first mail train out of Vancouver after the flood which took 12 days to reach Calgary.

On one of his annual trips to Victoria in the middle 1890's he had only been in charge a day or so when he received a wire to the effect that Mr. Rooney had dropped dead in Banff from a heart attack and to carry on. Two days later he was very surprised to receive a visitor in the person of Miss Rooney, the Inspector's daughter. She had come to pick up the sheets of old stamps and was bearing a letter in her father's handwriting to the effect they all belonged to him, and in the event of death that they be turned over to his family. She got the stamps and nothing more was heard of them.

More than seventy years have elapsed since those sheets were taken away from the repository where they had lain secure for years and in the interval all those with any firsthand knowledge of them have passed on to their reward.

This short narrative serves to bring out one more slendor bit of evidence that all the remainders of these two popular Crown Colony Stamp issues were not destroyed by Mr. Griffin in 1871, and bears out the author's remarks on page 162, of The Colonial Postal Systems and Postage Stamps of Vancouver Island and British Columbia, 1849-1871.

(Continued on page 173)
Stamping Out The Scots

By A. G. K. LEONARD

AS PART OF his "new look" commemorative stamp policy, the Postmaster-General at last authorised a special issue to honour Robert Burns—previously denied in 1959 and again in 1964, when Scottish pressure was renewed following the Shakespeare Festival series.

The two Burns stamps were released on January 25 and make handsome amends for this long delay. In the most-used 4d. and 1s. 3d. denominations for inland and airmail letters, they reproduce in three colour photogravure attractive designs by the Glasgow artist Gordon F. Huntly, who was responsible for the first Scottish regional stamps of 1958.

The 4d. stamp presents an adaptation of the Skirling chalk drawing of about 1798 against a background of the St. Andrew, while its companion superimposes the Nasmyth portrait on pictorial symbols of the poet's life, with lettering in the style of his signature in later days.

While patriotic Scots have previously been confined to embellishing their envelopes with unofficial Burns labels, two other countries have already accorded the poet their official stamp of approval.

In the bicentenary year that London preferred to ignore, the Russian and Roumanian postal authorities did not fail to step in and note the event for the benefit of correspondents who admire Burns in translation—as well as Burns-loving stamp collectors farther afield.

International "cultural anniversaries" provide themes for annual issues from Bucharest, so it was appropriate that Burns should be included—along with Charles Darwin—in the 1959 series. Soviet Russia, even more prolific in its output of commemoratives, improved the occasion with a "1759-1959" overprint on a Burns portrait stamp first released in 1956 and re-issued in changed colours the following year.

For other examples of famous countrymen honoured in the post, Scottish philatelists can scan the world, looking West as well as East.

In the United States, postage stamps have long been officially regarded as "a picture gallery of the nation's glories," featuring a wide range of occasions and famous men, among them several of Scottish birth. The first was the adventurous John Paul Jones, included in a 1936 series honouring American naval heroes.

Four years later, a "Famous Americans" series extended postal acclaim to Edinburgh-born Alexander Graham Bell, who has since come to enjoy the unique distinction of receiving stamp tributes from three countries outside his native land. Canaca marked his birth centenary in 1947 with a handsome large design bearing his portrait inset alongside an allegory of "Fame", while three years before, Argentina had portrayed him on one of a series devoted to the benefit of that country's postal employees.

Andrew Carnegie was added to the stamp gallery of Famous Americans on November 25, 1960, the 125th anniversary of his birth at Dunfermline. In 1964 the U.S. Post Office honoured the naturalist John Muir (1838-1914) with a handsome large stamp displaying his impressive bearded features against the background of the giant California redwood trees he successfully fought to preserve. Born at Dunbar, he was one of a family emigrating in 1849 to carve a
new homestead in Wisconsin, whence Muir was to trek many thousands of miles through “the university of the wilderness” and wield his powerful pen in the battle for “landscape righteousness,” in which he enlisted Theodore Roosevelt.

New Brunswick and Newfoundland depicted the future Edward VII as Prince of Wales in Highland costume on their stamps a century ago. In 1962 the Canadian Post Office marked the 150th anniversary of the pioneer Red River settlement in the far west with a stamp showing a High and farmer, in kilt and bonnet, sowing his plot, flanked by a portrait of the colony’s far-sighted founder, Thomas Douglas, fifth Earl of Selkirk (1771-1820). He devoted his life and fortune to organising the emigration to Canada of distressed Highland crofters.

Canadian stamps have also honoured two Scottish emigrants prominent in national politics. Sir John Macdara’d, Glasgow-born in 1815, Conservative Prime Minister for most of the period 1867-1891, was acclaimed “Father of Confederation” on its 60th anniversary in 1927. His Liberal opponent, Alexander Mackenzie, born in 1822 at Logierait, Perthshire, was among the “Famous Premiers” portrayed on stamps of 1952.

Admiral Lord Cochrane, tenth Earl of Dundonald (1775-1860), pursued an adventurous career, not least as a “Liberator” in South America. Chile and Peru honoured him on stamps marking the centenaries of their independence in 1910 and 1921, and he was also portrayed on ordinary stamps of Chile in use for a quarter of a century from 1915.

“Half a Scot by birth, and bred a whole one,” Lord Byron was remembered in Greece in 1924 on the centenary of his death, when two special stamps were issued. One bore his portrait, the other depicted his arrival at Missolonghi. Byron was also shown on a Hungarian
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left England to cross the oceans to seek new trade, people from whom they could buy or to whom they could sell. Sometimes they became explorers, sometimes colonisers, and frequently they arrived in a country which had no postal service or other means of organized communication. Without such a service, the commerce of the merchant venturer was gravely handicapped so that he usually saw to it that an efficient communication system of some sort was quickly established.

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commemorated the unveiling of his
statue in Rome.

Stamps of Western Samoa keep alive
the memory of Robert Louis Stevenson
in the South Seas. The 1935 series in-
cuded views of his tomb and his old
home, “Vailima,” while his portrait ap-
peared on another stamp in 1939.

British North Borneo had its begin-
ings in the enterprise of a young Glas-
gow engineer, William Clarke Cowie,
who negotiated with the Sultan of Sulu
a vast cession of land to the company of
which he later became managing director
and chairman. Cowie is one of the group
with the Sultan pictured on the terrri-
ory’s stamps for 30 years from 1909.

Mrs. Helen Wilson of Kilmarnock, who
married the late Sultan of Johore in
1930, was portrayed with him five years
later on a handsome stamp from this
Malay state—the only one so far to
feature a Scotswoman.

David Livingstone, after whose Lan-
arkshire birthplace another Blantyre was
named, can be seen on a 1955 stamp of
Rhodesia and Nyasaland marking the
centenary of his discovery of the Vic-
toria Falls.

Three Australian stamps of 1946 for
the centenary of his exploration of
Central Queensland honoured Sir Thomas
Mitchell (1792-1855) from Stirlingshire,
for half his life an energetic Surveyor
General of New South Wales. Another
Scottish emigrant who devoted himself
to exploring the Australian interior was
John McDouall Stuart (1815-66) from
Dysart in Fife. His keen-eyed, bearded
features look out from a stamp released
in 1962, celebrating the centenary of his pioneer south to north crossing of the heart of the continent.

Several New Zealand stamps have recalled the journeys of pioneer emigrants in Scottish-built ships, especially the founders of Dunedin, "the Scottish city of the South," in connection with the Otago centennial celebrations of 1948.

A stamp from Malta publicising a congress at Valetta in June, 1964, organised by the United Nations F.A.O. to combat Brucellosis or Malta Fever, includes the portrait of Sir David Bruce (1855-1931), the Scottish army doctor whose important work in tropical medi-

cine included discovery of the organisms causing this animal disease, now named after him.

Sir William Ramsay (1852-1916), the Glasgow-born scientist awarded the Nobel Prize for chemistry in 1904 for his work on inert gases, also claims a place in the stamp album. He was portrayed in 1964, along with Pavlov, on a Swedish stamp, part of a continuing series recalling Nobel Prize winners of 60 years ago.

The Scottish philatelic portrait gallery can be concluded, surprisingly enough, with two Stuart kings. James VI and I was featured on a Newfoundland stamp of 1910 marking 300 years of settlement, while Charles I was portrayed on tercentenary issues from Barbados in 1927 and 1939.

(Courtesy The Scottish Field, Jan. 1966)

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by A. S. Deaville - 1928, quote, "The Philately of British Columbia and Vancouver Island presents many unsolved problems; if it were not so the subject would lack much of its charm".

(Editor's Note — We are indebted to our member, F. E. Atkinson, RPSC 6675, of Summerland, B.C., for the above interesting item by his brother).

GREAT DISTINCTION

FOR PROFESSOR McNUTT

We learn with great pleasure that an old member of the Society, Professor William S. McNutt, of Fredericton, N.B. has been elected a Fellow of the Royal Society of Canada, one of the greatest honours that can be conferred on a Canadian.

Professor McNutt is Dean of Arts and Professor of History, University of New Brunswick, Fredericton,

All our members will join with us in congratulating Professor McNutt on the high honour that has been conferred on him.
The headline? No, just this time, but you certainly missed an excellent show, from 12 Penny blacks to full sheets of small Queens and the largest block of inverted Seaways. My news therefore comes this time from Hamilton.

The special study group on tagged stamps is something I will report on. In 1960 tagged stamps were introduced in Germany, in 1957 in the UK, in 1962 in Canada. Many countries followed and today we have tagged stamps from the USA, Netherlands, Denmark, Switzerland, Russia, Australia etc. Various methods have been used for tagging and all started with painting stripes of certain ultra-violet reacting material on the face of the stamps, with one exception in the case of the black lines on the back of the UK stamps. Germany very soon recognized that this type of tagging for mail sorting was awkward, expensive and at the same time giving rise to additional problems. Germany and others played around with different ideas and the injection of certain fluorescent materials into the paper when making same was tried out. Today, although still in the feasibility study, Germany has three different papers for making stamps. These papers glow differently under the UV lamp and sorting of three different possibilities exist. One of the papers glows with a low intensity yellow, another one a very bright yellow, and another one g'ows white. The material is made by a chemical company, the Badische Anilin Werke, and chemical is called Lumogen. In that way the additional labour cost was cut, the accuracy of the stripes was eliminated, and the handling of the printed sheets did not present any additional problems. The range of frequencies used for UV activation of the chemicals varied from country to country. The very short frequencies below the range of 2900 Angstroms are dangerous to the eye and human skin, similar to X-rays. Some countries therefore placed their materials in the range above this one.

The major research on the Canadian tagged stamps was carried out by Dr. Mercantini and Maj. Purser both of Ottawa. They reported that the peak for the activating UV light frequency for the Canadian stamps was about 2537 Angstroms. This is the frequency the Post Office is using in the Winnipeg machine. The Canadian stamps are being tagged before the large sheet of 600 stamps is cut into panes of 100. The tagging consisted of 4 or 8 mm wide stripes. Although the attempt has been made to list an issue date for the stripes of 4 mm in the centre, 8 mm in the centre, 8mm at the edge etc., the study group heard of samples with many dates which would not fit into any of the lists published. It was assumed that whenever a new experiment was tried out it was not coinciding with the issue of certain tagged stamps to the post office windows in Winnipeg, but that experiments were carried out by the PO prior to this. Therefore dates are known which are earlier than those listed. The many changes which have already been made in the sampling method indicate that this is only a feasibility study and it is likely that at any time additional changes will be made and stamps found with new tagging methods. The appearance of the miniature sheets is one indication and although the Philatelic
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Agency originally was not aware of this, they had to stock these items when a part sheet was shown to them. There are dimensional differences in the width of the tagged stripes. These have been noted and are now being advertized as rarities. The group heard that the tagging is done by a silicone type roller, the wear, roller pressure, fluid viscosity and many other factors account for the small differences in width of the tagged lines. The group was told that differences of plus or minus 1 mm have been found, but all can be traced back to the two major line width of 4 and 8 mm. The PO is at present preparing a report on the tagging of stamps which will be submitted for study. It will take about one year before final action may be taken on this report.

The group discussed also the problems of paper impurities and their influence on the tagging and mention was made of the inks used for cancellations. As has been reported by Mr. Pekonen, an apparent additional problem has entered the identification of tagged stamps due to fluorescent pigments in the cancellation inks. The total study group session took almost two hours and only a small portion can be reported here.

An interesting constant plate variety has been found by Mr. Beaubien of Ottawa. The De La Salé's anniversary stamps show a major plate break on stamp No. 31 (pane not known). The break shows up as a line through the words "Cavelier De La Salle 300e Anniversaire".

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New Danish Stamp

The Danish Government is honouring its world famous son, the Silversmith Georg Jensen, with the issue of a stamp commemorating his 100th Birthday on August 31st, 1966. This is one of the many ways, including the unveiling of a bust of Georg Jensen by Queen Ingrid of Denmark, that Georg Jensen will be given recognition of his achievements.

The Worshipful Company of Goldsmiths in London have invited the Georg Jensen Danish Office to stage in October an exhibition of Silver from the first days of Georg Jensen until his death. It will include many fine museum pieces. Plans are also being made to show this Exhibition in Canada following the London showing.

In connection with the Royal Danish Post Office issue of a Georg Jensen stamp, a first day cover envelope is planned. On the outside will probably be a print of one of Georg Jensen's original drawings and in the envelope will be placed a card describing the reason for the issuing of the stamp. The stamp will be in a blue colour with a postage value of D. kr. 0.80.

In Canada anyone interested in receiving this first day cover envelope may register with the Georg Jensen Store at 95A Bloor Street West, Toronto 5, Ontario or may do so by mail to the same address. The cost of registration is 25¢ and the deadline for Canadian registration is Saturday, June 18th, 1966.
MASSACHUSETTS SPEAKS

Sir:—

It was indeed a pleasure to see you at Hamilton. Our last meeting was at Halifax and we had some correspondence regarding that affair last June. May I indulge in a few comments about TIPEX?

Veni, vidi, vici; I came to Hamilton, I saw a good exhibition, I conquered some frustrations. The Hamilton Club and TIPEX committee did an outstanding job and I for one would like to congratulate them for their splendid effort. The frustrations referred to were many and I do not intend to belabor that theme as I am sure they were keenly aware of them, but with sunny dispositions and the ability to makeshift, "the show went on". I think that Vernon March and his helpers at the registration desk were very efficient and congenial. Mrs. Frank Stokl and Mrs. Albert Dawson made our Ladies feel very much at home and helped in many instances to keep things running smoothly. At the Civic luncheon I met Charles Mick's and was impressed at his ability to handle the publicity and I understand he was the "con-

The Civic luncheon was a very nice affair and smoothly done; Mayor Copps is an accomplished after-dinner speaker and should be a "shoo-in" for another term on charm alone. The fellow that really has it made however is Eric Tizzard; he gave the formula for getting the girls to fall in love with us ... well it's a lot easier if you own a florist business, like he does.

I would think that all the dealers would be happy with this show, they all looked busy and I think many good sales were made. Personally I did not locate much that I needed. Revenues and Airmails are getting "too" (too hard to find and too expensive). Dick Lamb had a few covers of Halifax Expos. that made me part with a few dollars and Bill Pollitz had a nice Ontario Law tied on an envelope with filing data, etc. He wanted "too" much for it but when he threw in a couple of banquet tickets with it he subdued me, for I had my son and a guest from Toronto with me who had not registered.

Study groups were somewhat of a disappointment. While the quality was good, the quantity left a lot to be desired. Ed. Richardson was scheduled to organize this part of the program, but illness and a case of shingles forced him to give up both SIPEX and TIPEX. This made it necessary to improvise, which, done on the spur of the moment, caused some confusion. Mr. Drew Smith had to revise his schedule to present his symposium on the Admiral Issue, it was a difficult adjustment of time but it came through with a most interesting seminar. Henri Gauthier did a yeoman job with the circuit books and his appeal at the annual meeting for more material should be seriously heeded. I am glad he
was prevailed upon to keep the nice easy job that only takes "two or three hours a day". Actually it is more than a full time job and heaven help us if we allow Henri to quit.

I attended the President's reception and strengthened a feeling of admiration and respect for Dr. and Mrs. Geldert. Surely this man and his wife have done more for The Royal than can be acknowledged with mere words. A tribute of lasting significance should be contemplated as a symbol of thanks for their selfless contributions of time and talent.

The annual meeting was for the most part an orderly and businesslike affair and well conducted. A lengthy discussion did take place regarding the timing of SIPEX and TIEPEX, and one of the members who had been freshly "chewed out" by one of Hamilton's finest (?) suggested that it might be wise to schedule the meetings a year or two in advance. Obviously this presented problems, but I believe this point was well made.

The annual meeting was very well attended and if the dinner lacked anything it was only because of comparison with the Chicken Roost Special at $1.55. Fred Jarrett held us spellbound with his sometimes incredible stories of his stamping experiences. As I am a native born Nova Scotian, I can well believe, however, that one about the old codger who smelled a rodent and figured Fred was it.

I had to leave early to get my guest back to Toronto and I did not have time to thank Russell McNeil, John Siverts and Wilmer Rockett for getting that extra tabe brought in otherwise it might have been back to the Chicken Roost. I watched the Cub Scout parade Saturday morning. It was an inspiration to see these youngsters marching along, trying to keep step, swinging their arms and busting with pride I know some of the merchants in the area must have had the horrors and I am sure this parade was another cause of frustration for Saturday visitors to TIEPEX, but you can just bet that THESE kids are headed in the right direction. "Teach up a

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child in the way he should go and when he grows up he will not depart from it", applies here. The pipers playing "Waltzing Matilda" gave me goose pimples.

I had a new car when I left home, 267 miles on the speedometer. When I arrived back home I had covered 1700 additional miles via Hamilton, Detroit, Toledo, etc. I wasn't quite as proud of the car as when I left, as it had to be hospitalized to replace a grill and headlamp, which damage had been done while it was parked on the second level of the Terminal Towers Garage. Some cheerful celebrator no doubt.

It was nice to see the folks from Massachusetts. Bill Russell, Alfred Thomas, Lester Littlefield and the genial President of BNAPS, Clarence Westhaver and Mrs. Westhaver. I missed Jim Sissons and Ed. Richardson, but Vinnie Greene and John Young obliged with their autograph on the Nova Scotia and New Brunswick book and I will attempt to get Dr. Jephcott's signature some other time. I did have a lot of fun, saw some beautiful country and met many nice people, what more could one wish?

WALLACE B. MITCHELL, Cambridge, Mass. RPSC 7827

Obituary

FATHER HECTOR LAFRANCE

We were very grieved to hear of the passing of our old friend, Father H. Lafrance, of Sherbrooke, on June 15. He was a member of the Society for many years and a most enthusiastic collector, with numerous correspondents.

He was a great worker in the interests of philately and was well known in the Eastern Townships, in fact all over the province of Quebec, and we feel we have lost a good friend indeed.

We understand Father Lafrance has left his entire collection, of some 64 volumes, to the St. Charles Seminary.

He is survived by his brother M. Emile Lafrance, of Montreal, to whom we convey our deepest sympathy.

— L. M. L.
The Why and Wherefore of Stamp Collecting

By JOHN DRINKWATER

The instinct of the collector is always something of an enigma to people who are so unfortunate as not to possess it, nor is it to be acquired, for collectors are born, not made. It is true that like all other natural gifts it has to be encouraged and directed, but without the natural gift no one will make much of a collection no matter what he collects. For those happily gifted in this matter, however, collecting is much more than the possessive whim that it is commonly supposed to be by the uninstructed. The intelligent collector is seeking to afford himself one of the principal pleasures of the human mind, namely the assembling of scattered elements into an orderly and harmonious whole. If, as more often than not is the case, he be a person of some taste these elements will be beautiful or curious in themselves, but his chief delight is to compose them into a group that gives them fresh significance.

For the collector's purpose the postage stamp has for more than a hundred years been steadily establishing its claims. Its obvious advantages are many. A large collection can be kept in a very small space, there is material in abundance to suit every size of purse, the subject is exhaustively documented for the guidance of the novice and the expert alike, the philatelic field is one of infinite variety, stamps in themselves are delightful things to handle and arrange, and they are, moreover, free of the taint of preciousness, symbolising as they do the daily business and social contact of mankind. If anyone cares to add to these certificates of merit such further recommendations as that stamps teach us something of geography and history, of pictorial form of the craft of the engraver, printer and paper maker, he has reason on his side.

The most difficult aspect of all collecting is that of its financial considerations. It is right and inevitable that where there are collectors there will be professional dealers who legitimately expect to make a profit on their business, and further that the collector himself who may support his enthusiasm with considerable sums of money should regard his investment as being secure against unreasonable loss. At the same time, what is most needed for the wholesome development of collecting as a pursuit among intelligent people is that the collector should on no account regard his collection primarily as a speculation. Once this bad habit is acquired, the enlightened zeal of pure collecting, which is a charming activity of the mind, disappears, to be replaced by the greed and caprice of the stockmarket, which are not charming at all.

It means, for example, in the world of philately, that the rich collector who is afflicted by this infirmity concentrates his attention and his money on stamps that recommend themselves to him chiefly because they are gilt-edged securities.

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on the market, and this is followed by a corresponding neglect of much rare and interesting material that is not attractive to the speculator because it is not widely known. It discourages research and scholarship which should be the adornments of the collector's instinct. It tends to deprive collecting of personality and reduces it to the level of huckstering. When this condition prevails in any collecting market the collector of taste and enterprise, who wants to bring learning and judgment to his hobby, is at a serious disadvantage, and this to some extent means the sterilisation of the whole field of philately. Such a collector too often finds that his needs can be supplied only at a price far above anything that he can hope to recover.

My own advice to the stamp collector would be this. Let the beginner, whether he be young or not so young, lay some foundations of philatelic knowledge with a small general collection that can always be acquired at a modest figure. Then as soon as possible let him choose some philatelic subject to his own fancy, and make up his mind to cultivate it at a cost which he can afford to write off as being paid outright for his pleasure. If the necessity arises and he is lucky, it will no doubt prove to be better than that, but it is a sound resolution to make at the outset. Then let him, under the guidance of his own taste, work out a scheme for his collection that shall reflect his personality and add something to the common stock of philatelic knowledge.

On these lines the collector can provide himself with a pursuit of never failing interest and genuine intellectual refreshment. I have no respect for a collector because he owns three stamps each of which can be matched only by two other known copies in the world, but I have a great deal for the collector who can show me an album in which by his own knowledge and curiosity he has illustrated some branch of the postal enterprise that is so vital a feature of our civilisation. The former achievement is open to anyone who has enough money, the latter only to the man with a particularly attractive kind of intelligence. It is an intelligence that can be exercised on quite a small scale and with quite a small purse, but without it collecting is a waste of spirit however substantial its profits may be.

(Courtesy Robson Lowe, Ltd., Private Treaty List)

The Cover

In 1933, General Italo Balbo, Italian Air Minister, organized a great mass flight across the North Atlantic with a formation of 24 Savoia-Machetti S.55 flying boats, via Iceland, and return by way of the Azores.

In flights of three, the formation took off from Orbetelon, on the West coast of Italy, crossed the Alps and flew to the Zuider Zee in Holland.

The second stage was across the North Sea, over Great Britain and the Irish Sea to Londonderry, and the third to Iceland and on to Labrador, proceeding in stages to Montreal and Chicago.

The return flight, via New York, Newfoundland and the Azores, was successfully accomplished, although one boat crashed at the last port of call.

The remaining 23 machines flew to Italy for a triumphant ovation.

The stamps on the cover is a superb example of the L.19.75 triptyque which was issued by the Italian Post Office on this occasion.
Overpriced Unsolicited Approvals
By RALPH D. MITCHENER, RPSC 7941

In June of last year I received a selection of stamps from an American stamp dealer. The lot included 11 groups of stamps, together with a small piece of paper with the organization's name and address and a rubber-stamped "10-day approval selection / price on left / Scott catalogue number on right" (the Scott numbers were given for only 3 of the 11 and Scott catalogue value for none), and a printed return envelope without return postage. There was no invoice.

The stamps seemed quite overpriced. As they were unsolicited and as postage was not included for their return, I decided to store them and await developments. In December a postcard arrived with a rubber-stamped "NOTICE OF OVERDUE STAMPS / May we have your immediate attention? / THANK YOU". Return postage was not sent.

One morning in April of this year, my wife phoned me at the office to say that I had received notice of a legal suit. On arriving home that evening I found an envelope addressed to "Mrs. Mitchener, Parent of Ralph D. Mitchener". The commemorative stamp used for first class postage had been thoughtfully positioned so as to receive a socked-on-the-nose cancel.

Inside the envelope was a printed card, headed "Notice of Official Investigation and Legal Suit", from An American Collection Agency. The notice indicated that the costs of the investigation and suit could still be avoided by my sending $3.00 by airmail ($2.50 to cover the original amount of the approvals plus 50 cents for collection costs). It also said that "no further letters will be written you and the results of this investigation will depend on your prompt settlement". A return envelope was enclosed, but it did not have return postage.

It seemed appropriate at this point to catalogue the stamps in question. The following is a list of them with 1966 Scott catalogue value and the selling price.

U.S.A.: 7 used commemoratives (2 stained) cataloguing 28c, and priced at 15c.

U.S.A.: 2 used commemoratives (1 stained) and the 4 1964 Christmas stamps used—24c catalogue for 12c.

So far, disregarding condition, the pricing was half of Scott's. However, this rate was not continued.

Central African Republic: 4 mint stamps (J1-4), showing insects, cataloguing 12c, for 15c.

Czechoslovakia: 3 cancelled-to-order space stamps stated as being numbers 1205-7 but actually 1105-7, cataloguing 9c. and priced at 15c.

Dubai: 3 mint space stamps (C28-30) cataloguing 9c. and priced at 35c.

Ivory Coast: 3 mint animal stamps

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That is the only guiding rule for anyone interested in Canadian stamps. If one is offered something Canadian at what looks like a fair price, take it because "the second time around" just doesn't come or else if it does, the new figure is unrecognizable. Anyone who buys Canadian stamps knows this to be only too true. All one has to do is to review the prices and offers of 1, 5,10, or 20 years ago and compare with what is going on now.

Earlier this year we offered a new Canadian error. No other information except that in our opinion, judging by what happened, very likely less than 1,000 could exist. We even suggested it might be as rare as the Seaway Invert and all we were asking was $10.00 for this new error. (Magic words: "Seaway Invert"!! We refunded at least 12 orders for Seaway Inverts at $10.00). Well, it turned out the error was not quite THAT scarce but it's not too far away and certainly far, far below 1,000. One collector in Ottawa found some of these errors, got in touch with the Canadian Post Office and soon got an official reaction. Yes, the stamp was an error. In the letter to him, they even explained how it could have happened. In the opinion of the printers of the stamps, 400 could have got out.

Well we still have 36 copies left but our price is no longer $10.00. It is now $20.00 and once gone will give you names of a several other lucky finders who for certain will want $30.00 or more. This error will be listed and described in the next edition of the Canada Basic Catalog.

THOSE TWO CATALOGS. Canada Basic Catalog, 3rd edition $2.00
Canada Plate Block Catalog, 6th edition $3.00

The well known specialist Ed Richardson of La Marque, Texas, has a lengthy favourable review dealing with both in the April "Canadian Philatelist." His concluding words re the Basic Catalog are

"It is completely illustrated, printed on a fine quality glossy paper, and a real bargain for $200. In fact I wonder how any Canadian specialist gets along without it!"

We liked the review in the March "Collectors Club Philatelist". Here it is in full —
These two books are not only pricelists and catalogues but handbooks in the true sense of the word. They are as necessary to the Canadian specialist as the classic works of Jarrett and Boggs.
"The Basic Catalog" breaks down the regular issues by issue. It is replete with technical data and includes information as to why certain issues or stamps are difficult to come by. This reviewer obtained this latter information the hard way through years of experience as a Canadian specialist. To include these views in a book makes it worth its price, in this reviewer's opinion.
The technical data and the illustrations of modern varieties is invaluable; The section upon "tagged stamps" and the Officials is most useful. The treatment of the "Small Queen's" issues is so well detailed that it simplifies this specialty for both the new and old collectors alike.
As for the second Bileski book, "The Plate Block Catalog", this also is replete with useful technical information as well as clear diagramatic layouts. It supplements the first book and helps this growing new specialty of plate number collecting.
Both books are recommended to all interested in Canada, whether he be a beginner or veteran collector.
WHAT ELSE IS GOOD?

How about the 1964 Canadian Christmas Stamps. There were only 2 basic stamps to the set, face value 8c., and the same 2 were Tagged so that makes 16c. total. Are they in your collection? All 4 of them? if not, you had better start picking them up. Try anyone, anywhere, and if you can get them under $1.00 count yourself lucky. What happened, why should they be scarce? Well the Canadian P.O. destroyed 50 million or more of them. This was no secret though one member of the Canadian Parliament did want to know why millions of stamps costing thousands of dollars to print were destroyed. It was all quite proper: the Canadian P.O. had announced beforehand the 1964 Christmas issue was limited in use only to the end of 1964. Any remainders at the end of the year would be destroyed and they were. After all it would look a bit silly for the Canadian P.O. to be selling stamps dated Christmas 1964 on and on into 1965!

Now let us consider these famous first 2 Canadian stamps of 1964. There is nothing at all ordinary about them. Consider what they produced:

1. The first ever Tagged Christmas stamps (in the world, not just Canada).
2. The World’s first miniature Christmas sheet (the sheet of 25 3c. values).
3. The Wor’d’s first miniature Christmas sheet TAGGED (same as above and is it ever scarce).
4. The World’s first Christmas stamps in foursquare plate block form.
5. Same but in Tagged condition.

Add to the above singles mint and used, blocks mint and used, miniature sheets both varieties used first day of issue, and exceedingly scarce first day tagged covers and all in all one has quite a specialized collection, something that is now impossible to duplicate from any other source at any price. There are close to 300 stamps in such a specialized collection and our price is $50.00 for the entire lot if taken up within one month after this advertisement appears or $100.00 after the month is over. It is a bargain at either price.

We do have a 1965 Christmas specialized collection matching the above stamp for stamp. Price for the entire group is $36.00. This group also is shaping up as a most worthwhile lot particularly the complete set of plate blocks therein. Two of these are now easily worth the price of the entire collection yet they are but a small fraction.

Incidentally Canadian Christmas stamps are going to be a regular yearly fixture and we shall have similar most comprehensive specialized collections for 1966, 1967, etc.

CANADA CENTENARY GROUP

This is a preliminary offer of certain stamps having to do with the Canadian Centenary and present cost is $30.00. More details on request but trust us to send you a most unusual and delightful lot for the money, or else it’s money back. Our money back guarantee applies to anything else in this advertisement if it proves to be unsatisfactory for any reason. Remittance in any convenient way and we can always use U.S.A., Canada and Newfoundland stamps suitable for postage at face value.

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Salvador: 3 mint animal stamps (738-40) cataloguing 9c. and priced at 25c.

Togo: 2 mint independence commemoratives (396-7) cataloguing 6c. and priced at 10c.

All in all, the stamps were catalogued at $1.40 in Scott, and were priced to sell at $1.97 (not at the figure of $2.50 quoted by the collection agency). Excluding the U.S., the remaining stamps catalogued at $88c. and were priced at $1.70—almost double Scott!

And so the matter rests. I'm still storing the stamps and am awaiting 5c. for return postage. No doubt some who read this will feel that I am being petty and that I should return the stamps at my own expense. I, in turn, do not feel like encouraging such operations and cannot help but wonder how many children and adults have been victimized either through buying such colorful but grossly overpriced stamps from some approval companies (assuming that no more than full Scott is a fair price for such as those sent), or through being pressured into paying for them by collection agencies which add their charges to the already inflated prices.
TRADE NOTES
EARL P. L. APFELBAUM, Inc.

It has been announced by Earl P. L. Apfelbaum, Inc., of Philadelphia, that they have acquired the entire stock of the Knickerbocker Stamp Company, 736 12th Street N.W., Washington, D.C. The sale was completed during the second week in April and it required a two-ton truck to remove the stock from the premises in Washington to Apfelbaum's headquarters in Philadelphia. The material involved is being integrated into Apfelbaum's large and varied Self Service stock and, as of this date, the first sections have shown up in their Retail Department. Other sections of this stock will be used in their Mail Order Division, and those collectors who are unable to visit Apfelbaum's Philadelphia headquarters can write in and be placed on a list to receive their monthly publication, "Ads & Offers," which will list a great deal of this enormous stock.

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Prices still rising

Bernard Harmer, President of H. R. Harmer, Inc. in New York expresses continued optimism for future market conditions. "I have discussed this with my brother in London and we both feel that the extensive international buying by collectors, investors, and speculators, who believe that prices will go higher, can be expected to continue. We believe therefore that their thinking is correct". He added that this should considerably assist his Organization as London and New York are still pre-eminent as International philatelic centers.

The Harmer Organization functions in three Continents with the objective of selling for vendors in the best markets. An outstanding example was the division of the "Louise S. Hoffman" Air collection between New York and London. The result was a total realization of over $200,000 with many new records established on both sides of the Atlantic.

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In 1931 the Post Office Department discontinued the City (name) type precancels and introduced a new series of Numerical types. These various numerals identified the cities using the precancel. They are directly related to the well-known MOON C cancels so currently popular, and like the MOON cancels, the number used is the Money Order Office Number of that particular city. Hence they have become known as MOON Precancels.

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Therefore all MOON precancels on issues before the 1935 regular issue are of type I. All King George VI and Elizabeth precancels are type III. Only the 1935 Regular issue can be found with the type II, and only this issue can be found with all three types.

The MOON precancels of Canada offer a wonderful field for the collector who would like to form a representative collection of precancels without taking on the entire field. Most of them are not too difficult to obtain.

If one is satisfied with just the normal varieties, and can pass up the inverts, doubles, doubled with 1 being inverted, the “3070 error” for London, doubles inverted, triples, pairs one normal, one invert, plus the die varieties of the 1930 issue, then there are only 366 varieties.

Of these 366 normal varieties (of which this collector has so far managed to obtain 361), there are only 12 varieties which catalogue $10 or more.
If you want to go for the works, including all the possible varieties, then you add 76 more to your possible goal. (This collector has only recently added these to his wants and has 46 of them so far). These varieties are a bit more tough. Of the 76 varieties, 26 of them catalogue $10 or more. Thus a complete collection would contain 442 varieties of which 38 can be considered toughies.

MOON precancels can be just as interesting, and provide a much wider field at lower cost, as the classic numeral cancels of the 19th century.

Last spring I noted that a two frame exhibit of Canadian MOON precancels took an award—a GOLD no less—at an exhibit in the States, and it won out over an exhibit of U.S. precancels too!

If one has been making a limited collection of say the King George VI is-

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New York

The U.S.A. 20th Century auction he’d by Harmer, Rooke & Co., Inc. on the 29-31 March was a great success and prices realized were high and totalled $109,764.

A superb block of the 1c. Louisiana Purchase, with imprint and plate number fetched $80 (cat. $59.50). A roll of 500 of the 2c. Edison coil was sold for $1,075, and a set of Farley printings in sheets, $575.

A 2c. Plate B’ock, “almost very fine”, of the Panama-Pacifics realized $170, while a 10c. single of the same issue fetched $115 and a pair $230.

The May 24-26 auction, featuring British and Foreign material, realized a total of $70,601. The £1 G.B. black of 1929 fetched $112.50, three times cata-

logue, while a set of the Ile de France provisionals of France brought $1,800, well over catalogue.

A well-margined, used copy of Canada’s No. 5, the 6 p. slate grey Prince Albert, was sold for $170 and a very fine, used pair of Netherlands 1552 5c. dark blue fetched $15, well over catalogue.

In Lietchtenstein, the 1946 St. Lucius 10F. in sheet of four reached $95 and a collection of 255 town cancellations (Aalisund to Vallo) on Norway No. 4, realized $600 (estimate $250).

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This exhibit has disappeared and it will be appreciated if any member knowing its whereabouts will communicate at once with Russ McNeil, 833 Kingsway Drive, Burlington, Ont.
**Book Reviews**

"The Forwarding Agents" by Kenneth Rowe. Published by the Philatelic Specialists Society, 32 Watercliffe Road, Rexdale, Ontario. 165 pages, 50 photographs, Price $5.95.

This book is the first to present a history and listing, on a world-wide basis, of those individuals known as Forwarding Agents who formed an indispensable link in the postal systems of the world prior to the formation of the UFU in 1875.

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In the alphabetical listing which follows Mr. Rowe has recorded the names, types of marking and dates of operation of over 1800 agents who functioned in 230 different cities in all parts of the world. Included in the listing is an extremely useful rarity guide with valuations that will be helpful to collector and dealer alike.

A valuable and recommended addition to the bookshelf of philatelists and postal historians by one of our own members, who, at SIPEX recently, was awarded a Bronze Medal for this handbook, together with a Silver-Gilt Medal for his Exhibit of Forwarding Agents' Covers. His exhibit also was awarded a Gold Medal by the Postal History Society of America.

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Messrs. Eldon Godfrey, Alec Stewart and Jack Benningham, of the Calgary Philatelic Society were the judges.

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The Lakeshore Stamp Club held a most successful exhibition on the 19 March at the Fairview Shopping Centre, Pointe Claire, the club’s third annual exhibition, visited by some 3,000 people. As well as the club exhibits there were frames on display by members of the Montreal Stamp Club, the South Shore Stamp Club and the Union Philatélique de Montréal.

The exhibition was attractively staged and many of the exhibits were presented in such a way as to attract the interest of the general public. It is to be hoped that the club will again hold such a show next year as an exhibition on these lines does so much to promote an interest in stamp collecting.

The awards were won by Dr. R. de Montigny for British Empire, and this attractively presented showing of the Admiral issue of Canada was also awarded the prize for the best in show. The foreign section was won by R. L. Matthey for Switzerland and the topical section by S. J. Cohen for Nobel Prize Winners on Stamps.

In the novice class the British Empire Section was won by H. Steppler for Trinidad and Tobago, the foreign section by R. Waterman for Trieste and the topical section.

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well attended and a great success.

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Golds went to Mrs. Milnes (British Commems.), Doug Carr ( Pope Paul Travels), Norm Goodgar (Religious Architecture), Herbert Milnes (Amphibians and Reptiles) and Dick Babb (Horses).

Silvers were awarded to Art Williams (Stampless Covers of Oxford County), D. Underhill (Battle of Britain), J. Gruszka (Canada and Special Events) and D. Carr (Floral Emblems).

Miss A. MacPherson won the Novices’ prize (Nurses) and the Postmaster’s Trophy was won by Jack Kitchen (Canada—believe—it—or—not).

At the dinner after the show, Mrs. Dick Lamb, of Kitchener, spoke on “When is a Stamp Collector Not a Philatelist”.

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Some Awards At SIPEX

Canadian members of the Society did particularly well at SIPEX and we are very pleased at being able to give a fairly complete listing of the awards they so well earned.

The first one was to Dr. C. M. Jephcott, F.R.P.S.C., who was awarded a Gold medal for his wonderful showing of Early issues of British North America.

A Gold-and-Silver Medal was given to Mirko Rasic, of Toronto, for his splendid exhibit of FORERUNNERS OF JUGOSLAVIA.

In the Vermeille (Silver-Gilt) Class, figured Kenneth Rowe, of Toronto, for his fine showing of FORWARDING AGENTS' COVERS.

Among the Silver medal winners, we noted S. W. Ivry, of Montreal, for a beautiful exhibit of Lombardy-Venetia-

Austria; Charles de Volpi, of Montreal, for his remarkable display of Western Canada Postal History; and J. Watson Yule, of Montreal, for his lovely showing of Grenada and Nevis. Watson received a silver for each of his exhibits.

Coming to the Bronze-Silver category, we find Jack Banks, of Toronto, for his Early Denmark; and Harry Sutherland, of Toronto, for his Chinese Treaty Ports.

Bronze medals were awarded to A. Himrichs, of Niagara-on-the-Lake, for his fine India; A. Ruta, for a very interesting showing of Jaipur, and A. Ben David, of Toronto, for some beautiful Palestine.

In the Junior Section, Oscar Ziemelis, of Hamilton, was awarded a Bronze medal for his Early Stamps of Latvia, and J. Reinbergs, a Diploma for his exhibit of the late J. F. Kennedy on Stamps.
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And last, but not least, Hans Reiche, of Ottawa, received a Bronze medal for his fine work on CANADA, The Admiral Stamps.

Still in the field of Philatelic literature, Robson Lowe was awarded a Silver-Gil’t for his ENCYCLOPAEDIA OF BRITISH STAMPS, Vol. IV (Australia) and also for CANCELLATIONS OF MEXICO — 1856-1864, by JOSEPH SCHATZKES, of France.

Robson Lowe also received a Silver for his THE POSTAL HISTORY OF TIBET, by Arnold C. Waterfall.

We have only received the Go’d and Gold-Silver list of awards, so have been unable to pick out the U.S.A. and other members of the Society of earned awards, but among the golds we were pleased to see that Dr. James J. Matejka, of Chicago, was awarded a Gold for his wonderful NEWFOUNDLAND AERO-PHILATELY.

We also note that L. Gera’d Firth, of Pittsburgh, received a Silver-Gil’t, as did Bernard Hennig, of Chicago, but the subjects of their exhibits were not described.

The Grand Award in the Class of Honour went to Joel Olsson, of Boras, Sweden, for his six frames of Swedish stamps and covers of the 1855-62 period.

In the National Class, the Grand Award went to the husband-and-wife combination of Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. Kilbourne, of Schenectady, N.Y., with seven frames illustrating the Postal History of the Confederate States.

Robert J. Gill, of Baltimore, carried off the Grand Prize of the International Class, with his 10 frames of The Classic Stamps of France.

The Jury at SIPEX was composed of 30 distinguished philatelists from 15 countries, with John R. Baker Jr., of Scarsdale, N.Y., as chairman, and Enzo Diena, of Rome, Italy, as secretary.

The paid attendance for the ten days of the show reached 20,800, more than double the budget forecast of SIPEX.

We must also congratulate Ken Rowe, Marki Rasic and Charlie de Volpi, who were each awarded the Gold Medal of the Postal History Society of America for their exhibits. This was indeed remarkable, as that Society was only awarding six of these beautiful Go’d Medals and Canadians obtained three of them.

We shall in the next issue give a report on SIPEX from the pen of Robson Lowe, which we received just too late for including in this issue. We can assure our readers that they will not lose by waiting.

(With grateful thanks to Ken Rowe, of Toronto who gave us most of the above cata)
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