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THE COVER / PAGE COUVERTURE:

For October Stamp Month 2004, Canada Post pays tribute to four popular pets: dogs, cats, fish, and rabbits.

Domesticated dogs have assisted their human masters with numerous tasks since prehistoric times. And our love of cats probably dates back equally far. More recently, health care professionals have discovered the positive effects that a pet can have on seniors confined to a home. And, of course, young children love their little, furry friends.

À l'occasion du Mois de la philatélie 2004, Postes Canada rend hommage à quatre animaux de compagnie populaires : les chiens, les chats, les poissons et les lapins.

Depuis la préhistoire, le chien aide ses maîtres à effectuer de nombreuses tâches. L'affection des humains pour le chat remonte sans doute à des temps aussi reculés. Il n'y a pas si longtemps, les professionnels de la santé ont découvert les bienfaits qu'un animal de compagnie peut apporter aux personnes âgées vivant en centre d'accueil. Et, bien sûr, les jeunes enfants aiment leurs petits amis à fourrure.

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The first English newspaper to run a philatelic column... was the *Daily Telegraph*, whose weekly feature was written by Fred J. Melville from 1910 till his death in 1940.

The first club catering to collectors... was the Omnibus Club of New York, founded in 1856, which also dealt with coins, medals, crests, seals and autographs.

The first club exclusively for stamp collectors was founded by George Herpin in Paris in 1865, but only flourished for a few months. More successful was the Excelsior Stamp Association, formed in St. John, New Brunswick, Canada in 1866. About the same time informal meetings of collectors were held at the Rectory, All Hallows Straining, on Saturday afternoons under the chairmanship of the Rev FJ Stainforth.

The oldest society still in existence... is the Royal Philatelic Society of London, founded in 1869.

The oldest national stamp Federation in existence... is the American Philatelic Society founded in 1886 while The Royal Philatelic Society of Canada is the second having been founded in 1887.

The world's first stamp auction... took place at the Hôtel Drouot in Paris on December 29, 1865 and consisted of the stock of the deceased dealer, J.W. Elb. The sale realized 800 francs, the best prices being paid by M. Riester for Egyptian essays and proofs. The second sale – first in America – took place in the Clinton Hall Book Sale Rooms and Art Galleries in New York in May 1870. The sale, organized by J. Walter Scott and conducted by Leavitt, Strebeigh & Co., realized \$500. The first sale in Britain was also organized by Scott and took place in the salesroom of Sotheby, Wilkinson and Hodge, Wellington St, London on March 18, 1872, realizing £253.

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The initial edition of Hong Kong's one-country catalogue produced by Stanley Gibbons is an all-colour effort. In addition to the stamps of Hong Kong, it lists the issues of the Special Administrative Region of the People's Republic of China. These stamps were issued after July 1, 1997, the date that Great Britain ceded control of Hong Kong to China and the former British Crown colony became a Special Administrative Region of the People's Republic of China.

An extensive section of Hong Kong stamps in use at British post offices at Treaty Ports in China along with a sample listing of the more common cancellations used between 1866 and 1930 provides a useful overview of a fascinating philatelic field. Also listed are postage due and postcard stamps, fiscal stamps, stamp booklets, and Japanese occupation stamps.

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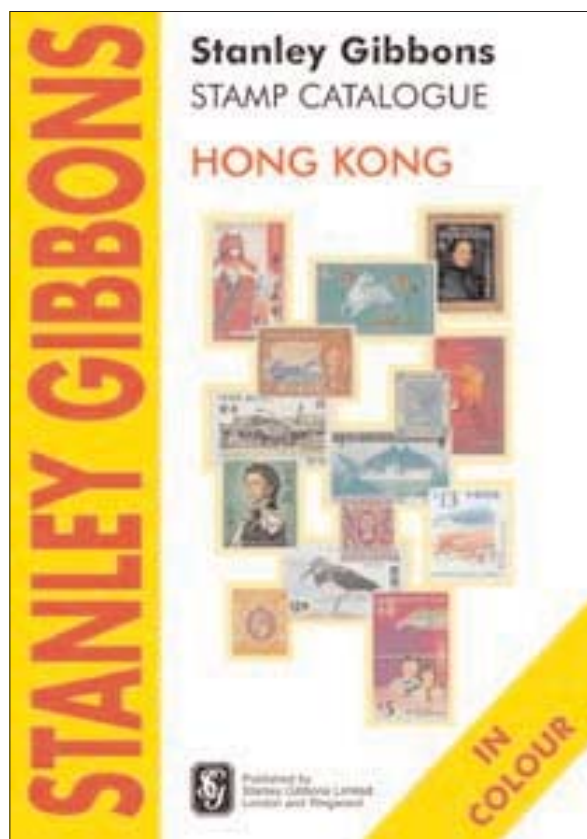
Because the publisher, Stanley Gibbons, is also a stamp dealer and retails many of the stamps listed in its catalogues, a generic 11-page introduction provides readers with information such as prices, the firm's guarantee policy, its definition of a stamp's condition, as well as philatelic information of a more technical nature. Particularly valuable to collectors are the illustrated examples of cancellations, centring, gum, and margins for each of the five categories that the firm uses to grade its stamps: poor, average, fine, very fine, and superb.

Readers should note that the catalogue lists only prices for mint and used copies. Prices shown are for stamps in fine condition unless stated otherwise.

Although stamps issued up to 1953 are taken from Stanley Gibbons' 2004 Commonwealth and British Empire Stamp Catalogue, subsequent issues were updated specifically for this new publication.

This slim volume, attractively produced and printed, is targeted at collectors of Hong Kong stamps who require a specialized listing beyond a simplified or general world catalogue. At an affordable £9.95, it is a publication that we recommend for collectors specializing in the stamps, postmarks and postal history of Hong Kong, Chinese and Japanese Treaty Ports, as well as for collectors looking to expand their collecting horizons. ♣

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A Study of the Machine Cancels of Berlin, Kitchener, Kitchener-Waterloo N2C 2E0 & N2E 2C0 1907-1992 (2004)

by Robert D. Vogel (ISBN 0-9735118-0-X). Printed in Canada by Conestoga Press, spiral bound, 8 1/2" X 11", 172 pages. Price \$29.95 plus postage. Available from berlinb@bconnex.net or Robert D. Vogel, 68 Victoria Street, Barrie, Ontario, L4N 2H9.

The centrepiece of postal history collecting is the study and recording of earliest and latest postmarks; *A Study of the Machine Cancels of Berlin, Kitchener, Kitchener-Waterloo N2C 2E0 & N2E 2C0 1907-1992* has them in spades.

Bob Vogel's analysis of the machine cancels of Berlin, later Kitchener, encompasses the 85-year period from 1907, when the local post office received its first cancelling machine, to 1992, when the city's mail-sortation plant ceased its letter mail operation. Because the book spans the history of machine cancelled mail in Berlin/Kitchener, including each machine used at the various post office locations, from the earliest hand-powered machine up to and including the high speed Toshiba models capable of handling up to 40,000 pieces of mail per hour, it serves as an excellent primer for anyone interested in an overview of Canadian machine cancelled mail.

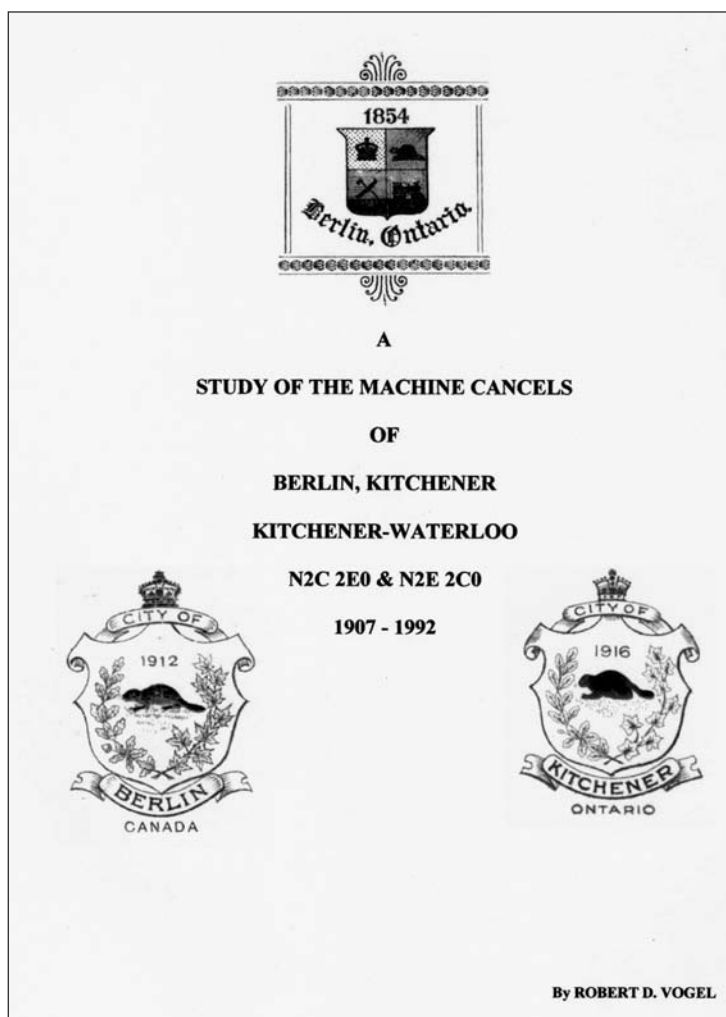
Although the book does not promise the reader more than a comprehensive listing of machine cancels generated in the communities outlined in its title, it ultimately delivers more: it provides a framework that can be applied to other communities where post offices used cancelling machines to process outgoing mail.

The body of the book is divided into ten sections plus a brief introduction, an appendix, and a bibliography especially useful for readers with an in-depth interest in machine, flag, and slogan cancels, or in the history of Kitchener and its predecessor, Berlin.

The value of the book is twofold: it serves as a compre-

hensive checklist of reported machine cancels from the time that the first Universal machine was installed at the Berlin post office to 1992 when Kitchener's Trillium Distribution Centre plant restricted its operations to bulk mail and parcel post.

An axiom in the publishing business is that no matter how



hard proofreaders try, they will not find every mistake until after the publication sees print, which is true for this publication as well. For example, calling the Canadian Post Office Canada Post Office is like calling the Canadian National Railway Canada National Railway. Perhaps more serious are the syntax and punctuation errors. Both aspects would have benefited from tighter editing. But these are minor points that have no material impact on the information that the author successfully conveys to readers.

Machine cancel aficionados will find the book useful as a reference guide to the installation dates for the various cancelling machines in Berlin and, after its 1916 name change, in Kitchener; slogan collectors will appreciate the detailed listings, with accompanying illustrations, of Berlin and Kitchener

slogans that Vogel unearthed in his extensive research. In short, the book is a work that has something to offer every collector with an interest in machine-cancelled mail and in Canadian postal history in general.

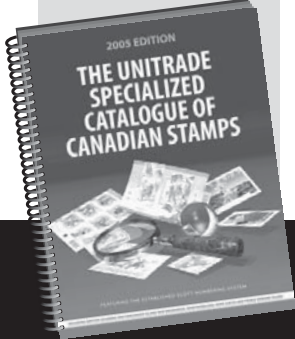
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Roch Carrier and I have been asked by the Minister of Canadian Heritage to inform you that the Act to establish the Library and Archives of Canada was proclaimed into force last Friday by order of the Governor in Council. As of May 21, 2004, we are legally one institution.

As provided for in the legislation, Minister Chalifour Scherrer has asked me to assume, on an interim basis, the duties of the newly-created position of Librarian and Archivist of Canada.

The vision for our new knowledge institution was one conceived initially by both the National Librarian and myself. Our transformation has not only been a major professional and institutional journey but a very personal one for both of us. I will greatly miss my good friend and colleague, Roch Carrier, as we continue to build the new Library and Archives Canada. Above all, we will be building on the strong foundations of our two predecessor institutions, their collections, their traditions and, most especially, their expertise. With these we will be ready to face the challenges, possibilities and expectations of the 21st century. We will continue to build and preserve our collections but we will also ensure they are a living part of the Canadian experience and accessible to Canadians wherever they may live in our vast country.

I believe that Library and Archives Canada is a noble dream – one I hope you will share and help realize in the years ahead.

Ian E. Wilson
Librarian and Archivist of Canada

The Canadian Postal Archives operate under the umbrella of the newly created Library and Archives of Canada.

La ministre de Patrimoine canadien nous a demandé, à Roch Carrier et à moi-même, de vous informer que, vendredi dernier, la Loi constituant Bibliothèque et Archives du Canada est entrée en vigueur par décret du gouverneur en conseil. Ainsi, depuis le 21 mai 2004, nous formons officiellement une seule et unique institution.

Par la même occasion, tel que prévu par la loi, la ministre Chalifour Scherrer m'a demandé d'occuper, à titre intérimaire, le nouveau poste de bibliothécaire et archiviste du Canada.

Cette nouvelle institution du savoir est l'aboutissement d'une vision que l'Administrateur général de la Bibliothèque nationale du Canada et moi-même avons mise de l'avant. Le processus de transformation, une formidable aventure sur les plans professionnel et institutionnel, l'a aussi été pour nous deux sur le plan personnel. Roch Carrier, devenu un ami et un collègue précieux, me manque déjà alors que nous poursuivons la création de Bibliothèque et Archives Canada. Nous allons bâtir sur les fondations solides laissées par les deux institutions précédentes, avec leurs collections respectives, leurs traditions et, surtout, leurs compétences. De tels atouts nous permettront certainement d'affronter les défis, de saisir les occasions et de répondre aux attentes que nous réserve le XXI^e siècle. Nous maintiendrons nos activités d'expansion et de préservation de la collection en nous efforçant d'en faire un fleuron vivant de l'expérience canadienne en plus de la rendre accessible à l'ensemble de la population canadienne, peu importe où les gens se trouvent sur notre vaste territoire.

La création de Bibliothèque et Archives Canada est un noble rêve. Je vous invite à le faire vôtre pour contribuer à sa réalisation dans les années à venir.

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From Scotland to Montreal

By Ken Lewis

The entire (folded letter), shown in Figure 1, was sent from Greenock, Scotland (boxed postmark - Figure 2) on the morning of June 1, 1841 to Liverpool, England. This letter was intended to catch the steamer leaving Liverpool on June 4 to Halifax, as per manuscript 'per steamer from L^pl [Liverpool] to Halifax on 4 June'. The only steamer leaving Liverpool bound for Halifax on June 4 was the SS *Columbia*, which was on its third transatlantic voyage. *Columbia* was part of British North American Royal Mail Steam Packet Company, which is a bit long and became referred to as the 'Cunard Line' after its owner Samuel Cunard.

Columbia's ultimate destination was to be Boston, USA, calling en route at Halifax, Nova Scotia on June 15, arriving at Boston the next day. From Halifax any mail for Canada (East and West) was transferred, unchecked, to a train of mail coaches each pulled by a team of four horses. These coaches left the post office at Halifax for the post office at the port of Pictou (Picton). This journey was to be done within 17 hours. From Pictou the mail was put on-board the SS *Unicorn* (the first steamer to cross the Atlantic) and taken to the post office at Montreal, Quebec. The contract for this service was officially

agreed to in December 1841. Up to that time, it was deemed to be a trial operation.

At Montreal, the mailbag was opened and the mail duly stamped with the receiving office mark but due to an oversight this item did not get a receiving mark. Instead, it just had the boxed 1/4 Cy (Figure 3) applied, being the Canadian equivalent of the British 1 shilling and 2-pence rate applied in manuscript on the front of the entire. From Quebec it was delivered to the recipient in Montreal, and the full cost of postage was collected from the addressee.

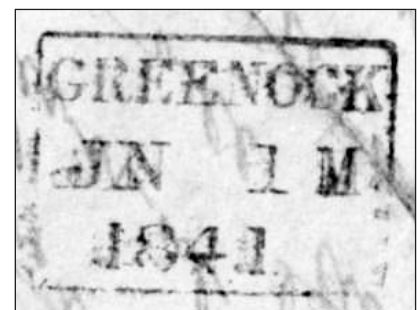
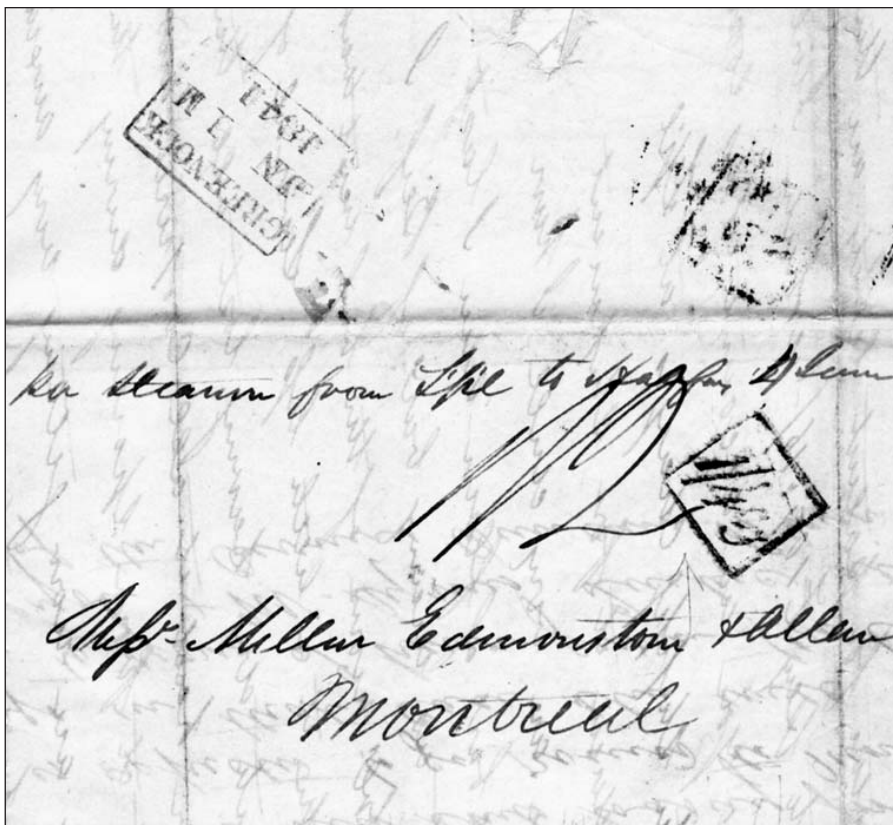


Figure 2.



Figure 3.

Figure 1.

The contents of the letter reads:

Greenock 31 May 1841

Messrs Millar Edmonston & Allan

Gentlemen

Annexed I beg you to hand an account of sundries shipped by your order and what has been paid to you by my father.

Pellat & Downton for patent rights are then only accounts now to pay 109 pounds and 16 shillings, which I will settle and send you an account off as soon as I can ascertain the shipper's charges at Liverpool when I have endorsed it for shipment.

Markets here are very dull I have only sold about 30 barrels of flour since I last wrote and about as many barrels of beef. I expect to sell 30 barrels more of the beef next week, which helps to weather it a little less. Several of the casks were quite dry having lost all their pickle, and I have had it all coopered and filled up to prevent it from spoiling during the hot weather. We are now getting very anxious to hear of the ship having got out, and expect the letters by the Halifax steamer tomorrow.

*The **Caledonia** will be launched about the 10th June, she looks well, she is likely to have a great many steerage passengers.*

I am Gentlemen

Yours truly

James Allan

*P.S. The **Isabella** goes out consigned to you*

*The **Columbia** a new ship loading for New York is expected to go round to Montreal for a cargo in that case this will let consignence to you. I handed over the Captain a letter to you and N V Symes Quebec at the request of them and then onward. [Signed] Duncan Blein and Company.*

The known details of the SS *Unicorn* are as follows:

The *Unicorn* was originally built at Greenock, Scotland, in 1838. She was a wooden side-wheel steamer weighing 650 tons, 162 feet long (50 Metres), and powered by a double cylinder engine.

She operated as a coastal steamer between Glasgow and Liverpool until purchased by the British and North American Steamship Company (Cunard Line) and sailed from Liverpool for Halifax and Boston on May 16, 1840 as the pioneer of the service. She was chartered by the Aspinwall's Pacific Mail in 1849, purchased by him in 1850, and operated occasionally between San Francisco and Panama until 1853. She was sold again, sent to Australia, and her fate is unknown. 🍁

Notes on the back - James Allan with amounts paid for copper per Cornelia Auxiliary to William Straton 18,000 2 11 Greenock on 31 May 1841. D/B (Duncan Blein) 544.

Account reads for May 18

To paid Newton Lyon per copper nails and Mary Bell net	96 12 06
To paid William Huston, Abroath per Mr Edmonston order	50 00 00
To paid George Allan carafe bottles of Cornelia nett	31 00 00
To paid George Allan carafe bottles of Isabella nett	70 00 00
To paid Greenock Forge Company iron nails per Cornelia nett	84 07 00
To paid port per Cornelia 3-4-0 taxes and duties 10/- Building 1/6	3 11 10
To paid port Cornelia 1-19- cash and cooperage 2/6	2 01 06
To paid port per Isabella 10/9 taxes and duty 7/- Building 1/6	2 19 03
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A black and white plate proof of the MAP STAMP, Plate 5, reveals a number of State 4 Positions, and points to an unrecorded state for Position 91, the Major Re-entry of Plate 5.

By Kenneth A. Kershaw

Introduction

The most frequently asked question since our previous paper (1) on Plate 5 Map Stamps is: "Was there ever an earlier state of Position 91?". We have shown that this major re-entry was made initially after the primary plate proof had been checked and marked up for the necessary re-entries to be made. This position then appeared never to be touched again. Accordingly it was concluded that there was no other state of this position except in the primary proof. After the first re-entries were made, presumably the initial primary proof was then thrown away and an examination of the secondary proof undertaken. This in turn was marked up, and we assume additional final changes were made. This simple and traditional work sequence, with the recent availability of some early proof material, is now found to require some modification.

We have also indicated (1) that the only known proofs of Plate 5 were dispersed in the auction of the archives of the American Bank Note Company in 1990, and largely were cut into a number of small units and sold. Once this has happened to a sheet of map stamps, and particularly for those stamps without any marginal imprint features at all, it becomes extremely difficult to identify which plate it is and to most collectors, simply remains an example of "A Black & White Plate Proof". There is perhaps a handful of specialists who can correctly place such anonymous stamps as belonging to a particular plate, Plates 1-3, Plate 4, or Plate 5. Determination of the actual position on a particular plate is even more a difficult, laborious, and sometimes a completely impossible exercise. The definitive features are virtually restricted to Tonkin dot criteria in Plates 1-4, but in Plate 5 the positioning of each transfer to the plate was achieved using guide dots and guide lines, and often these are very obscure or missing entirely. Sadly then, a large amount of information has potentially now become inaccessible.

Recently, I have had the fortunate opportunity to examine a superb proof block of 6, with the lower cable & imprint intact. This block consists of positions

82-84/92-94, and almost certainly originated in the American Bank Note Company archival auction. A detailed examination of this material allows a new understanding of the early production sequence of the primary plate that was used in the printing of Plate 5 of the Map Stamp.

In the previous article on the re-entries to Plate 5 (1), we indicated two positions where the initial primary re-entry was re-entered a second time. This was during the later and extensive upgrading of the plate when a large number of re-entries were undertaken, and these are found in the final blue and lavender commercial printings. Additional research over the last few months has also yielded not only many additional first-second state positions, but also further examples of second-third state combinations. These are also discussed here.

The research methods used, parallel those in the previous article, mainly scans using the QX3 computer microscope.



Figure 1. The proof block, Positions 82-84/92-94.

Confirmation of the Plate 5 Status of the Proof Material Examined Here.

The auction catalogue of the American Bank Note Company archival material describes Lot 1832, a black & white quarter sheet as: "1898, 2c Christmas, Black plate proof on wove (85P), an irregular margin block of 23, with imprint, some creases, two stamps cut in

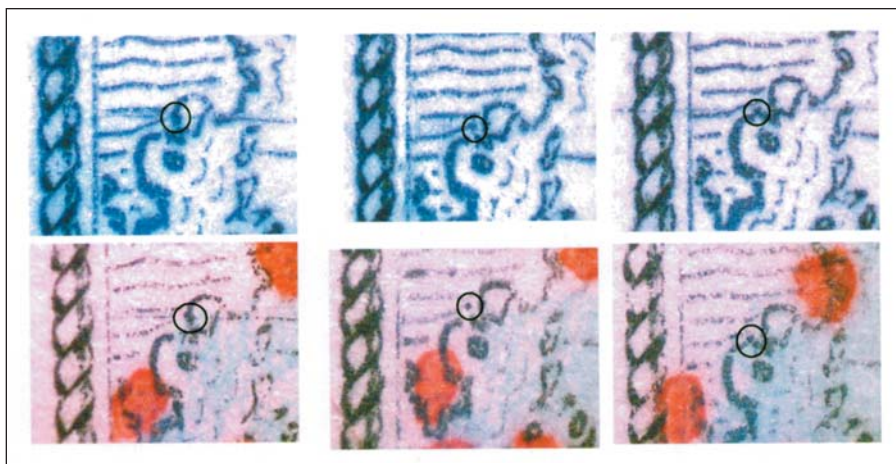


Figure 2. The guide dot configuration from the black plate proof, identified as positions 92-94, contrasted below with the corresponding guide dot configuration taken from Kershaw. ^[2]

slightly at right, otherwise fine.....". It is almost certain this block of six stamps (Fig. 1) is part of this original quarter sheet. The guide dots have been examined throughout and compared with the corresponding Plate 5 reference scans (2). Three of the proof guide dots from the proof block are given below in Fig. 2, from positions 92, 93 & 94 respectively with their corresponding Plate 5 positions for comparison, Kershaw (2). The proof guide dot in position 92 is large & embedded in the coastline of China, with a strong guide line running through it. In the corresponding position 92, in printed commercial stamps, this configuration is matched closely. Similarly, the guide dot in the proof in position 93 is quite clear and is positioned right at the end of the second hatch line in China, again closely matched in the corresponding commercial example (Fig. 2). In the proof position 94 there is also a strong guide line with the guide dot just above the coastline of the Tonkin Gulf. In the corresponding position from used material, the guide dot is in an identical position, but the guide line has been erased. The guide dots for positions 82-84, similarly, very closely match those of the

later commercial printings, and there is no doubt that this block of 6 is from the original lower quarter sheet sold as an irregular block, lot 1832, in the auction of the America Bank Note Company September 25th 1990.

Kershaw & Boisclair (1) summarised their previous findings ".....of the 65 possible re-entries that we have identified on Plate 5, we have located 23 positions on stamps with 1st and 2nd states with Pos. 73, 91 and 92 having been re-entered before commercial production, leaving the remaining 39 positions still to be located."

As of this moment a number of additional, less obvious re-entries have been subsequently identified, and as a result, the probable number of re-entries now stands at 74. Included in this number is posi-

tion 35, that I now recognise as being re-entered initially, and then never altered again, rather than simply having a very thick cable. Additionally, I now have definitive scans from my own and other collections, that clearly define a total of 53 earlier states leaving only 21 known re-entered positions where the early state(s) still have to be located. With the discovery of the plate proofs described here, the overall picture remains the same but the details change radically.

The Data from the Plate Proof Material

In position 82 there is extensive doubling from the upper left-hand cable all the way around to the upper right cable. There is also doubling in the left part of the lower cable. Of particular interest is the doubling in the "C" of "CANADA" originally reported by Kershaw (2). Comparison with the plate proof now available shows that this, the second state of this position, with a clear doubling to the "C", is present in the plate proof, but this is then re-entered yet again producing the third state, in the last commercial issue. This final re-entry partly obscured the initial re-entry on "C" but largely increased the doubling to the left-hand cable, in this third state. In this final third state, plate wear obscures the doubling to the upper cable, and particularly in the top right, but there appears to

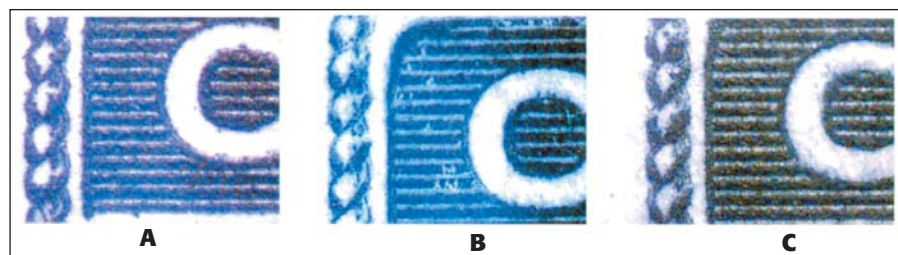


Figure 3. A comparison of the top left corner of position 82. A: The plate proof, which is the second state with a doubled "C". B: The first commercial printing which is worn but otherwise still with a doubled "C". C: The final commercial printing with the left-hand cable heavily re-entered and the doubled "C" eliminated.

have been no further alteration. These changes to the plate are summarised below in Fig. 3. Note also the often characteristic worn "thin" appearance of the cable and adjacent hatch lines of the first commercial printing (B).

In position 83 the pattern and sequence of re-entry is similar. In the proof, there is very clear doubling, top right, again a doubled "C" in "CANADA", but also some doubling in the running title of the stamp, which is particularly evident in the "S" of "POSTAGE". This pattern forms the second state (Fig. 4). The doubling in the "C" of "CANADA" was also originally reported by Kershaw (2). As in position 82, these characteristics are eliminated in the final printing which forms the third state, with a heavy re-entry to the left cable, and the virtual elimination of the doubling in the top right corner cable (Fig. 5). The extremely rapid wear to the corner cables, whatever the reason, is very evident. In position 84 in the proof block there is no evidence of doubling and accordingly this represents the first state, matching the first state reported by Kershaw(2) with the second state appearing with doubling in the left-hand cable only in the final commercial printing.

The three plate proof positions 92, 93, & 94, were completely surprising, in that none had any re-touch strengthening to the lower cable at all. The re-entries were in place as expected, but clearly the cable re-touch was undertaken at a later stage of the plate production. Kershaw & Boisclair (1) have shown previously that position 92 has three states, with the primary untouched plate followed by two separate and distinct re-entry episodes. Now it is certain that the second state was re-entered, particularly at the top right, with the re-touching to the lower cable

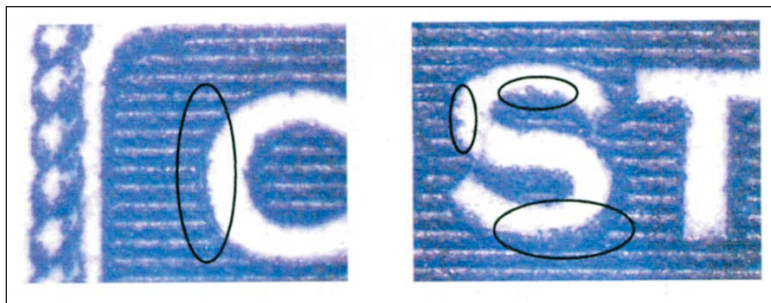


Figure 4. Position 83. The slight doubling in the plate proof in the "C" in "CANADA" and the "S" of "POSTAGE".

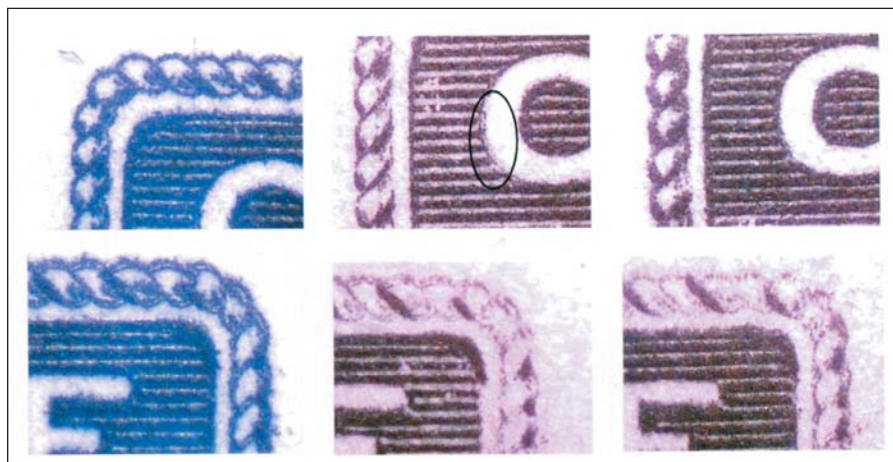


Figure 5. A comparison of the top corners of the plate proof, position 83, with the equivalent positions in the first printing, and the final printing. The initial re-entry has been rapidly worn, even in the replicate from the first printing, and even more so in the examples from the final commercial printing after the re-entry to the left cable.

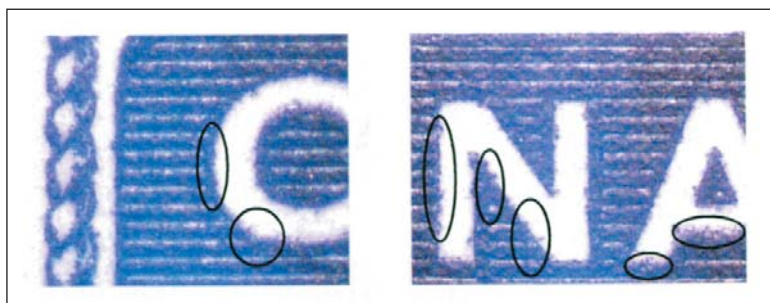


Figure 6. The slight doubling in "CANADA" below the very heavy doubling in the cable top right, in the plate proof position 92.

added subsequently to form the third state. The plate proof also shows that the initial re-entry produced slight doubling in the "C" and "NA" of "CANADA" (Fig. 6). Finally, the fourth state prior to the issue of the last commercial plate was established by additional re-entering. This sequence is shown in Fig. 7 below.

Position 93 in the proof block is heavily re-entered particularly along the top cable, producing the second state of this position. This re-entry also shows rather elegantly in parts of "CANADA POSTAGE", but also in the neat line below as well as additionally in the neat line above the actual world map (Fig. 8). As yet no spec-

imen of the first commercial printing of this position has been found, Kershaw (2), but it is pretty certain that the remnants of these early re-entries will be still visible in this printing, but with a re-touched cable below, representing the third state. The final commercial 4th state however, provides a remarkable lower cable contrast

with an abundance of spurs from the re-touch (Fig. 9).

Finally, in the proof block position 94, state 2, the top right cable is again heavily re-entered, with accompanying slight doubling of "PO" & "AG" in "POSTAGE" (Fig. 10). The lower cable is not re-touched. No example of the first commercial printing as yet has

been found, but with a re-touched cable it will represent state 3. There is an additional re-entry to the left cable in the final commercial printing, producing state 4.

Discussion and Conclusions

This first examination in depth of a series of Plate 5 proofs has been very informative. Previously Kershaw & Boisclair (1) using the photograph of half a sheet of state 1 plate 5 stamps, have established a sequence of states. There are primary states where a position is first state only and never altered. These positions are now seen to be scattered in the central and upper right-hand segment of a stamp sheet, with a complete block in positions 37/40 47/50.

Secondary states with a single re-entry are similarly concentrated in the upper three-quarters of the left-hand side of a sheet of stamps, but it is the lower two rows of stamps that hold the majority of the second-third and third-fourth state combinations. This suggests that this lower area was perhaps initially quite weak, requiring the most upgrading, with the lower cable re-touch finally adding even still further to the range of changes.

The only example of a first state in the proof block occurs in position 84, where the cables throughout are crisp and thin. In the final commercial issue of this position there is doubling to the left-hand cable, representing the second state. So far no first state replicate of this position from the first commercial printing has been recovered. However, the remarkably rapid wear to the plate and the necessity of extensive re-entries quite shortly after the first commercial use, can now be seen clearly, when compared to the plate proof scans. The reason for this rapid wear is obscure and probably will remain so.

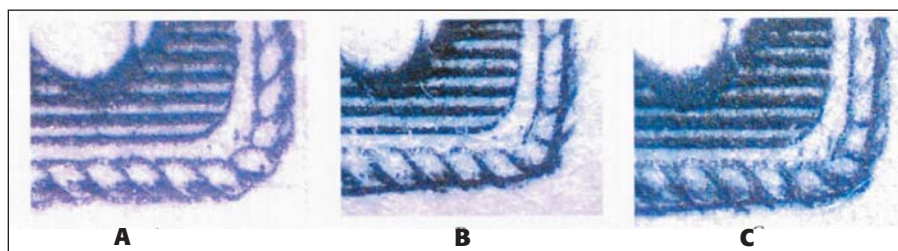


Figure 7. The second, third, and fourth states of position 92. A: The lower right corner found in the current potentially unique plate proof. B: The equivalent lower right corner from the first commercial printing taken from Kershaw [2], and representative of the third state with a single line re-touch. C: The lower right corner from the final commercial issue now with heavy doubling forming the fourth state.

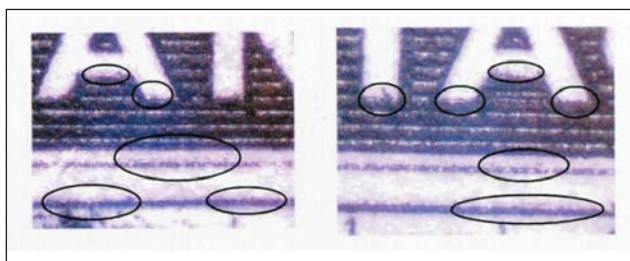


Figure 8. Position 93. the plate proof title and neat line re-entries.



Figure 9. Comparison of the untouched lower cable in position 93 of the plate proof, with the final 4th state in the last commercial issue. Not only is the re-touch line initially absent but so are the obvious tool marks.

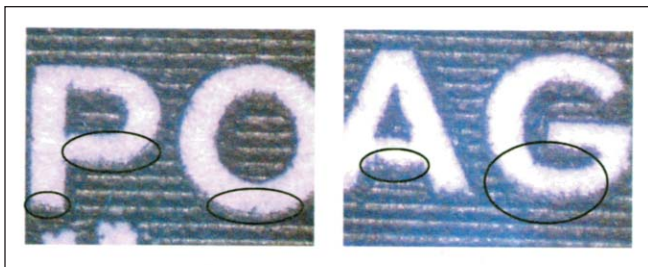


Figure 10. The re-entries in position 94 in the running title "POSTAGE", below the major re-entry.

Positions 82 and 83 are all second-third state combinations in the plate proof with some doubling of part of the cable, but also to the "C" in "CANADA", and in position 83 also doubling to the "S" in "POSTAGE". However, the apparent weakness of the lower cable and the subsequent re-touching, introduced immediately an additional state in these lower plate positions. As a result, positions 92, 93, and 94 are all examples of sequential 2nd, 3rd & 4th states. The importance of the lower cable retouch being established after the first re-entries will be further demonstrated in a subsequent article, but points to the generality of this later re-touching to the whole of the lower cable. The proof block here represents material from the secondary Plate 5 proof since some re-entry has already occurred. The re-touch to the lower cable presumably then followed and would appear in the next proof, the "tertiary" proof. Accordingly, position 91 in the secondary plate, sadly missing from the plate block examined here, would also initially lack the re-touched lower cable. The missing vertical pair, positions 81/91 I suspect, had been already removed from the American Bank Note lot 1832. Hence its description as "an irregular margin block", so whether this vertical pair is extant out there somewhere, or not, presents us with a serious challenge!

There seems no doubt this earlier state did exist, and the replicate of position 91 which is shown to

be present on the half sheet of state 1 material (1), together with all subsequent material, is in fact, the third state, all with a re-touched lower cable, and with no additional re-entry in the final commercial printing. It appears that after the lower cable re-touch the plate was then put into commercial production and finally issued as the initial run. It was very rapidly re-entered again as a result of the now obvious wear, particularly to the corners. Thus, many of the first state replicates in my collection also show this obvious weakness in the corner cables and often with extremely thin adjacent hatching around the "C" in "CANADA" (see Fig. 3B). What little evidence we have from dated cancels on the used commercial first state material shows no particularly consistent early cancels, and it would appear the initial inventory continued to be used continuously whilst concurrently, the subsequent additional re-entries were being made to the plate itself.

Whoever may still have that secondary plate proof, vertical pair, positions 81/91, state 2, without the re-touch to the lower cable, has a unique item... Happy Hunting! ♣

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King Wenceslaus:

By Richard Logan



King Wenceslaus of Christmas Carol fame, actually reigned as the King of Bohemia. He was a good King and is venerated as the patron saint of Czechoslovakia.

In 1929, the Czechoslovak Post Office issued five stamps (Scott No's 159-163) to honour the milenary of his death in 929.

Wenceslaus was born around 903 near Prague, in Bohemia, now part of the Czech Republic. His parents were Vratislaus and Drahomira, king and queen of Bohemia. His grandmother, a good woman with noble ideas and later named Saint Ludmila, asked that she might educate the young prince and, along with his Slavic language, he was taught

laulus waited. Two years later, in 922, the evil Drahomira was deposed and King Wenceslaus became ruler. He banished her from Bohemia and returned his country to the Christian way of life.

He ruled from 921 to 929. His rule was marked by efforts toward unification within Bo-



Saint and Martyr

to love God. He was also taught at the Latin School at Budec at the request of his father.

When his father was killed fighting against the Magyars, Wenceslaus was called upon to rule the country. Since he was too young, his mother, Queen Drahomira became Regent and governed Bohemia. She was a Christian in name only and tried to suppress Christianity. Civil war broke out between the Christian and non-Christian factions. Grandmother Ludmila began urging Wenceslaus to take over. Hearing of the sedition, Drahomira promptly had Ludmila strangled. Deprived of his grandmother's support, Wences-

hemia, support of the church and peace-making negotiations with Germany, a policy that caused him trouble with the anti-Christian opposition. He cultivated friendly relations with Germany and preserved the unity of his country by acknowledging King Henry I as Emperor around the year 926 seeing in him the legitimate successor of Charlemagne.

The treaty left the young king free to advance his activities in spreading Christianity throughout Bohemia. He met considerable opposition because his nobles and some of the people felt reluctant to change their lifestyles.

In the meantime, his brother, Boleslaus was planning to overthrow Wenceslaus. According to the custom in his days, King Wenceslaus visited the churches in larger communities on certain festivals. When the king travelled to Alt Bruzlau to attend such services, his brother invited him to stay overnight at his castle. King Wenceslaus remained at the castle despite knowing that Boleslaus planned to kill him. He slept well and arose early to attend church services on September 28th. On his way to church, his brother began to struggle with him but Wenceslaus being the stronger of the two freed himself. Later he fell into the hands of traitors, friends of Boleslaus, who slew him. His last words were: "May God forgive you brother."

He became Bohemia's most famous martyr and patron saint. His picture appeared on Bohemian coins and the Crown of Wenceslaus became the symbol of Czech Independence. His feast day, since 985, is celebrated on September 28 the day of his death. Wenceslaus Square is the centre of modern-day Prague and became in 1989 the site of mass demonstrations that helped topple the communist dictatorship.

Although there is no historical record of the story recounted in the Christmas Carol, it is consistent with Wenceslaus' concern for the poor. In the carol, Wenceslaus and a page bring food and pine logs to a peasant on the feast of Saint Stephen - the day after Christmas - therefore the carol is actually a Boxing Day carol.

and women, this looked like a return to nuns and Roman Catholicism. They were furious. People like John Henry Newman had called for reforms at the time and then had switched over to the Catholic Church. Was John Neale on the same path?

This was not the first time that John Neale had ruffled feathers. He had denounced churches that allowed the wealthy to box off sections of the church to separate themselves from the commoners. They even placed comfortable sofas in their private boxes. The practice contradicted the teaching of the Apostle James, who forbade Christians to give special seats to the rich - James, Chapter 2, verses 1 to 4. John Neale's appeals for the restoration of churches and for improved church architecture also offended other clergymen.

to the Christian Church

This death scene appears on the 3 and 5 Koruny stamps in the 1929 series of Czechoslovakia.

Boleslaus fled to Prague, leaving a priest to bury the king. As time passed Boleslaus pondered his crime hoping to repent by having Wenceslaus' body removed to the Church of St. Vitus in Prague for proper burial three years later. A memorial statue was erected in this historic church to commemorate St. Wenceslaus. The 2 Koruny stamp depicts St. Vitus Church with men standing in the foreground. Wenceslaus by his death, did what he was unable to do while he was living: he made Bohemia Christian.

The charge of trying to sneak Roman Catholic traditions back into the "English Church" came up again and again against an Anglican priest named John Mason Neale. He was so sickly that he could not supervise a parish. Instead, he was assigned to be warden of an almshouse named Sackville College. In the course of his duties, he had many opportunities to see the misery of the poor in rural villages, some of whom died unattended.

John Mason Neale set out to do something about it. In 1854, he founded the Sisterhood of St. Margaret to care for the sick. To other Church of England men

However, when he founded the Sisterhood of St. Margaret, his very life came into danger. He was once mauled at the funeral of one of the sisters. Unruly crowds threatened to stone him and burn his house. An evangelical pastor once incited a riot against him at Lewes. The man's daughter had become one of the nurses who caught scarlet fever and died, leaving the nuns a large sum in her will.

Another of his actions that was viewed with suspicion was his translation of old Roman and Greek hymns into English. He explained why he was doing it: "Among the greatest inconveniences that followed

from the adoption of national languages in the prayer books of the Reformation, must be counted the abrupt end to using all the hymns of the Western Church."

To remedy the problem, he turned such old hymns as "All Glory, Laud and Honour" and "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" into English. He also wrote the carol "Good King Wenceslaus," a children's song to exemplify generosity.

It might be a disappointment to find that John Neale only used the name Wenceslaus because it suited the tune from a Finnish songbook called: Tempus Adest Floridum. In the carol, as the wind grows more intense and the night grows darker, the page fears that he may collapse in the snow. Wenceslaus tells the page to follow his steps which, miraculously, warm the page's feet. Saint and page complete the trip to the peasant's home safely.

The youthful page's understandable fear of the bitter weather parallels, in a sense, what must have been the real Wenceslaus' fears of attempting, as a teenager, to unite a nation divided by religious and dynastic war.

Wenceslaus and the page both attempted to pass through their respective storms by walking in the footsteps of righteousness. That path led the page out of the storm and Wenceslaus into grave danger and then to sainthood. ✱



1929 stamps of Czechoslovakia depict on the 50 and 60 Haleru St. Wenceslaus; on the 2 Koruny, the founding of St. Vitus Cathedral; and on the 3 and 5 Koruny, St. Wenceslaus Martyred.

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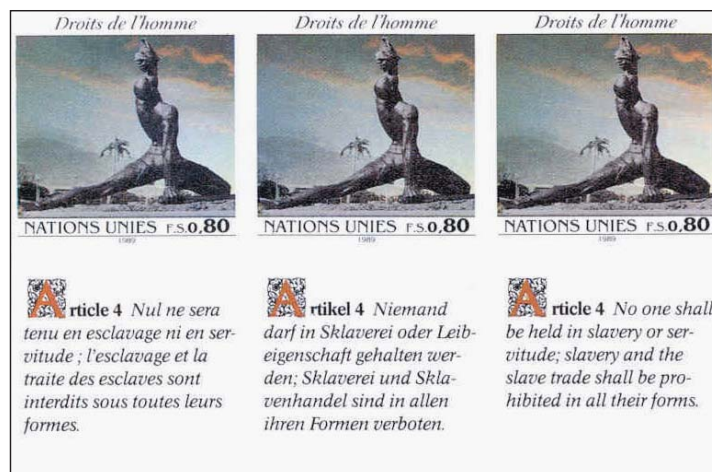
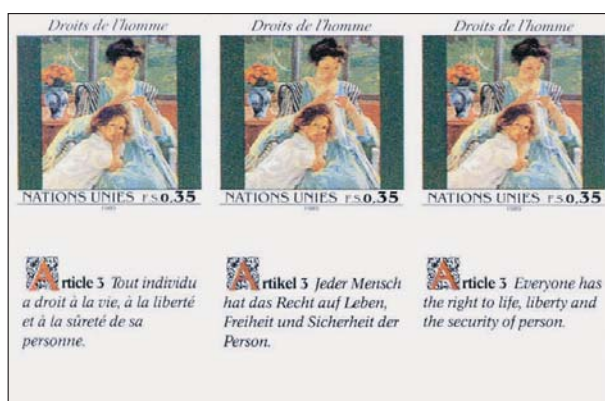
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THE PROMOTION OF THE UNIVERSAL DECLARATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS BY THE UNITED NATIONS

By Joseph Monteiro



I. Introduction

The promotion and protection of human rights as fundamental has been an important tenet of the United Nations since the General Assembly proclaimed the Universal Declaration of Human Rights on December 10, 1948 in Paris. This Declaration was then adopted without a dissenting vote. For fifty-five years thereafter, the UN has worked relentlessly to fulfill the hope that all people may one day enjoy the benefits of society where human rights are regarded as inviolable. The timeless and universal aspiration for human rights is reflected in the continued dedication of the United Nations to promoting these rights. Attempts to publicize this are seen in the fact that the second commemorative stamp issued by the United Nations Postal Administration (UNPA) was on December 10, 1952 and since then it has issued fifteen series.

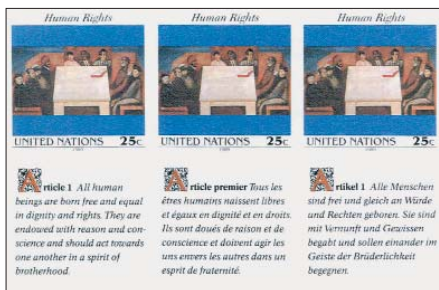
In this brief article, I shall review the stamps issued by the United Nations to promote human rights, with particular emphasis on the series of stamps issued in the period following 1988 on the Universal Declaration of Human Rights.

II. Human Rights Stamps Issued from 1952-1988

Human Rights Day is annually held on December 10th by the United Nations. To commemorate this event a set of stamps was issued each year for twelve years from 1952 to 1958; for 1963, 1973, 1983, and 1988. Some of these stamps have exceptional designs and some of the designers include world famous artists such as Friedensreich Hundertwasser. The technical details on each of these stamps is shown in Table 1.

III. Human Rights Stamps Issued from 1989-

The Fortieth Anniversary: To celebrate the 40th Anniversary of the Declaration of Human Rights, the UN began a series of stamps for five years based on the paintings of famous artists. Each stamp has one of the Articles of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights



attached in a tab under the stamp. These Articles on thirty stamps are worthwhile remembering and I shall quote the thirty Articles of the Declaration in six sets hereafter as issued.

The first set of six are: Article 1: All human beings are born free and equal in dignity and rights. They are endowed with reason and conscience and should act towards one another in a spirit of brotherhood. Article 2: Everyone is entitled to all the rights and freedoms set forth in this Declaration, without distinction of any kind, such as race, colour, sex, language, religion, political or other opinion, national or social origin, property, birth or other status. Furthermore, no distinction shall be made on the basis of the political, jurisdictional or international status of the country or territory to which a person belongs, whether it be independent, trust, no-self-governing or under any other limitation of sovereignty. Article 3: Everyone has the right to life, liberty and the security of person. Article 4: No one shall be held in slavery or servitude; slavery and the slave trade shall be prohibited in all forms. Article 5: No one shall be subjected to torture or to cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment. Article 6: Everyone has the right to recognition everywhere as a person before the law.

The second set of six are: Article 7: All are equal before the law and are entitled without any discrimination to equal protection against any discrimination in violation of this Declaration and against any incitement to such discrimination. Article 8: Everyone has the right to an effective remedy by

the competent national tribunals for acts violating the fundamental rights granted him by the constitution or by law. Article 9: No one shall be subjected to arbitrary arrest, detention or exile. Article 10: Everyone is entitled in full equality to a fair and public hearing by an independent and impartial tribunal, in the determination of his rights and obligations and any criminal charge against him. Article 11: 1. Everyone charged with a penal offence has the right to be presumed innocent until proved guilty according to law in a public trial at which he has had all guarantees necessary for his defence. 2. No one shall be held guilty of any penal offence on account of any act or omission which did not constitute a penal offence, under national or international law, at the time when it was committed, Nor shall a heavier penalty be imposed than the one that was applicable at the time the penal offence was committed. Article 12: No one shall be subjected to arbitrary interference with his privacy, family, home or correspondence, nor to attacks upon his honour and reputation. Everyone has the right to the protection of the law against such interference or attacks.

The third set of six are: Article 13: (1) Everyone has the right to freedom of movement and residence within the borders of each State. (2) Everyone has the right to leave any country, including his own, and to return to his country. Article 14: (1) Everyone has the right to seek and to enjoy in other countries asylum from prosecution. (2) This right may not be invoked in the case of prosecutions genuinely arising from non-political crimes or from acts

contrary to the purposes and principles of the United Nations. Article 15: (1) Everyone has the right to nationality. (2) No one shall be arbitrarily deprived of his nationality nor denied the right to change his nationality. Article 16: (1) Men and Women of full age, without any limitation due to race, nationality or religion have the right to marry and to found a family. They are entitled to equal rights as to marriage, during marriage and at its dissolution. (2) Marriage shall be entered into only with the free

and full consent of the intending spouses. (3) The family is the natural and fundamental group unit of society and is entitled to protection by society and the State. Article 17: (1) Everyone has the right to own property alone as well as in association with others. (2) No one shall be arbitrarily deprived of his property. Article 18: Everyone has the right to freedom of thought, conscience and religion; this right includes freedom to change his religion or belief, and freedom, either alone or in commu-

nity with others and in public or private, to manifest his religion or belief in teaching, practice, worship and observance.

The fourth set of six are: Article 19: Everyone has the right to freedom of opinion and expression; this right includes freedom to hold opinions without interference and to seek, receive and impart information and ideas through any media and regardless of frontiers. Article 20: (1) Everyone has the right to freedom of peaceful assembly and association. (2) No one may

Value	Date	Designer	Process	Printer	Size	Perf	Colour	Quantity
3c	10.12.'52	H. Woyty-Wimmer	Engraved	Thomas de la Rue	40mm x 27mm	14 x 13.5	Bottle green	1.55m
5c	10.12.'52	H. Woyty-Wimmer	Engraved	Thomas de la Rue	40mm x 27mm	14 x 13.5	Ultramarine blue	1.55m
3c	10.12.'53	Leon Helguera	Engraved	Thomas de la Rue	27mm x 40mm	12.5 x 13	Blue	2m
5c	10.12.'53	Leon Helguera	Engraved	Thomas de la Rue	27mm x 40mm	12.5 x 13	Crimson	2m
3c	10.12.'54	Leonard C. Mitchell	Engraved	Thomas de la Rue	27mm x 40mm	14	Red Orange	1m
8c	10.12.'54	Leonard C. Mitchell	Engraved	Thomas de la Rue	27mm x 40mm	14	Olive Green	1m
3c	9.12.'55	H. Woyty-Wimmer	Engraved	Waterlow & Sons	27mm x 40mm	14 x 13.5	Blue	1.25m
8c	9.12.'55	H. Woyty-Wimmer	Engraved	Waterlow & Sons	27mm x 40mm	14 x 13.5	Green	1m
3c	10.12.'56	Rashid-ud-Din	Engraved	Thomas de la Rue	40mm x 27mm	14	Red	5m
8c	10.12.'56	Rashid-ud-Din	Engraved	Thomas de la Rue	40mm x 27mm	14	Blue	4m
3c	10.12.'57	Olav S. Mathiesen	Engraved	Thomas de la Rue	40mm x 27mm	14	Red-brown	5m
8c	10.12.'57	Olav S. Mathiesen	Engraved	Thomas de la Rue	40mm x 27mm	14	Grey	4m
3c	10.12.'58	Leonard C. Mitchell	Engraved	American Bank Note Co.	33mm x 27mm	12	Green	5m
8c	10.12.'58	Leonard C. Mitchell	Engraved	American Bank Note Co.	33mm x 27mm	12	Brown	4m
5c	10.12.'63	Rashid-ud-Din	Engraved	Govt. Printing Bureau, Japan	25.5mm x 33mm	13	Multi-coloured	2.65m
11c	10.12.'63	Rashid-ud-Din	Engraved	Govt. Printing Bureau, Japan	25.5mm x 33mm	13	Multi-coloured	2.4m
6c	10.12.'68	Robert Perrot	Photo. & Embossed Foil	Harrison & Sons Ltd.	30mm x 40mm	12.5	Blue and Gold	3.1m
13c	10.12.'68	Robert Perrot	Photo. & Embossed Foil	Harrison & Sons Ltd.	30mm x 40mm	12.5	Red and Gold	2.5m
8c	16.11.'73	Alfredo Guerra	Photo	Govt. Printing Bureau, Japan	36mm x 25.5mm	13.5	Red, maroon, orange, silver	2.9m
21c	16.11.'73	Alfredo Guerra	Photo	Govt. Printing Bureau, Japan	36mm x 25.5mm	13.5	Blue-green, orange, silver	2.4m
F.s. 0,40	16.11.'73	Alfredo Guerra	Photo	Govt. Printing Bureau, Japan	36mm x 25.5mm	13.5	Blue, orange, silver	2.7m
F.s. 0,80	16.11.'73	Alfredo Guerra	Photo	Govt. Printing Bureau, Japan	36mm x 25.5mm	13.5	green, brown, orange, silver	2.3m
20c	9.12.'83	F. Hundertwasser	Photo & Engraving	Govt. Printing Office, Austria	32.25mm x 42mm	13.5 x 13.75	Multi-coloured	1.7m
40c	9.12.'83	F. Hundertwasser	Photo & Engraving	Govt. Printing Office, Austria	32.25mm x 42mm	13.5 x 13.75	Multi-coloured	1.7m
F.s. 0,40	9.12.'83	F. Hundertwasser	Photo & Engraving	Govt. Printing Office, Austria	32.25mm x 42mm	13.5 x 13.75	Multi-coloured	1.9m
F.s. 1,80	9.12.'83	F. Hundertwasser	Photo & Engraving	Govt. Printing Office, Austria	32.25mm x 42mm	13.5 x 13.75	Multi-coloured	1.9m
S 5	9.12.'83	F. Hundertwasser	Photo & Engraving	Govt. Printing Office, Austria	32.25mm x 42mm	13.5 x 13.75	Multi-coloured	2.3m
S 7	9.12.'83	F. Hunder-twasser	Photo & Engraving	Govt. Printing Office, Austria	32.25mm x 42mm	13.5 x 13.75	Multi-coloured	2.3m
25c	9.12.'88	Rocco J. Callari	Photo & Engraving	H. Courvoisier S.A.	26mm x 36mm	11.5 x 13.75	Multi-coloured	1.025m
\$1	9.12.'88	Rocco J. Callari	Photo & Engraving	H. Courvoisier S.A.	4.75" x 3.16"	11.5 x 13.75	Multi-coloured	.7m
F.s. 0,90	9.12.'88	Rocco J. Callari	Photo & Engraving	H. Courvoisier S.A.	26mm x 36mm	11.5 x 13.75	Multi-coloured	.9m
F.s. 2.0	9.12.'88	Rocco J. Callari	Photo & Engraving	H. Courvoisier S.A.	4.75" x 3.16"	11.5 x 13.75	Multi-coloured	.7m
S 5	9.12.'88	Rocco J. Callari	Photo & Engraving	H. Courvoisier S.A.	26mm x 36mm	11.5 x 13.75	Multi-coloured	1.275m
S 11	9.12.'88	Rocco J. Callari	Photo & Engraving	H. Courvoisier S.A.	4.75" x 3.16"	11.5 x 13.75	Multi-coloured	1m

Table 1 - Human Rights Stamps Issued from 1952-1988

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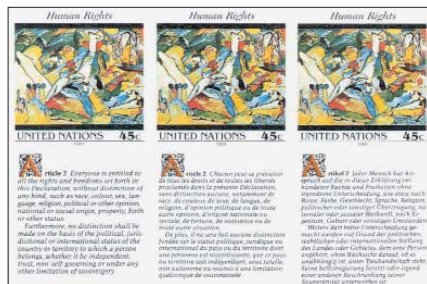


be compelled to belong to an association. Article 21: (1) Everyone has the right to take part in the government of his country, directly or through freely chosen representatives. (2) Everyone has the right of equal access to public service in his country. (3) The will of the people shall be the basis of the authority of government; this will shall be expressed in periodic and genuine elections which shall be by universal and equal suffrage and shall be held by secret vote or by equivalent free voting procedures. Article 22: Everyone, as a member of society, has the right to social security and is entitled to realization, through national effort and international cooperation and in accordance with the organization and resources of each State, of the economic, social and cultural rights indispensable for his dignity and the free development of his personality. Article 23: (1) Everyone has the right to work, to free choice of employment, to just and favourable conditions of work and to protection against unemployment. (2) Everyone, without any discrimination, has the right to equal pay for equal work. (3) Everyone who works has the right to just and favourable remuneration, ensuring for himself and his family an existence worthy of human dignity, and supplemented, if necessary, by other means of social protection. (4) Everyone has the right to form and to join trade unions for the protection of his interests. Article 24: Everyone has the right to rest and leisure, including reasonable limitation of working hours and periodic holidays with pay.

The fifth set of six are: Article 25: (1) Everyone has the right to a standard of living ade-

quate for the health and well-being of himself and of his family, including food, clothing, housing and medical care and necessary social services, and the right to security in the event of unemployment, sickness, disability, widowhood, old age or other lack of livelihood in circumstances beyond his control. (2) Motherhood and childhood are entitled to special care and assistance. All children, whether born in or out of wedlock, shall enjoy the same social protection. Article 26: (1) Everyone has the right to education. Education shall be free, at least in the elementary and fundamental stages. Elementary education shall be compulsory. Technical and professional education shall be made generally available and higher education shall be equally accessible to all on the basis of merit. (2) Education shall be directed to the full development of human personality and to the strengthening of respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms. It shall promote understanding, tolerance and friendship among all nations, racial or religious groups, and shall further the activities of the United Nations for the maintenance of peace. (3) Parents have a prior right to choose the kind of education that shall be given their child. Article 27: (1) Everyone has the right freely to participate in the cultural life of the community, to enjoy the arts and to share in scientific advancement and its benefits. (2) Everyone has the right to the protection of the moral and material interests resulting from any scientific, literary or artistic production of which he is the author. Article 28: Everyone is entitled to a social and international order in

which the rights and freedoms set forth in this Declaration can be fully realized. Article 29: (1) Everyone has duties to the community in which alone the free and full development of his personality is possible. (2) In the exercise of his rights and freedoms, everyone shall be subject only to such limitations as are determined by law solely for the purpose of securing due recognition



and respect for the rights and freedoms of others and of meeting the just requirements of morality, public order and the general welfare in a democratic society. (3) These rights and freedoms may in no case be exercised contrary to the purposes and principles of the United Nations. Article 30: Nothing in this Declaration may be interpreted as implying for any State, group or person any right to engage in any activity or to perform any act aimed at the destruction of any of the rights and freedoms set forth herein.

The design of each stamp issued in the series from 1989 to 1993 shows a painting of various famous artists. The famous

artists for each of the stamps in the five series shown in the table include names such as José Clemente Orozco, Vassily Kandinsky, Mary Cassat, Albert Mangones, Kathe the Kollwitz, and Sanzio Raphael; Unknown, Charles Paul Renouard, Vincent Van Gogh, Albrecht Dürer, Sándor Bihari, and Suzuki Harunobu; Ford Madox Brown, Tito Salas, Paul Klee, Jan Van Eyck, Unknown, and Robert Delaunay; Johannees Vermeer, Ester Almqvist, Jacques Louis David, Henry Moore, Fernand Léger, and Georges Seurat; and Thomas Hart Benton, Jacob Lawrence, Pablo Picasso, René Magritte, Ferdinand G. Waldmüller, and Sally Morgan. Given the fact that the designs are adaptations by these world famous artists these stamps are very impressive. The sheet design is by Arleigh Gaines.

The Fiftieth Anniversary: To celebrate the 50th Anniversary in 1998, UNPA issued a set of six stamps on October 27, 1998. The set consists of six stamps, two each in the three denominations: US\$ (32c and 55c); Swiss Francs (F.s. 0,90 and F.s. 1,80); and Austrian Schilling (S 4.50 and S 7). These stamps were designed by Jean-Michel Folon and printed by Cator Security Printing, France using the Off-

set process. The size of each stamp is 30mm x 40mm and the stamps are perforated using a 13 perforation gauge. The stamps are multicoloured. The quantities of each stamp as indicated above are .485m and .445m; .4m and .39m; and .555m and .545m., respectively.

IV. Conclusion

The recognition of the fundamental and inviolable nature of human rights in modern society today is accepted by almost every country in the world today. Despite this, there are examples of it being violated in the world today. The most recent outcry has been against the dictatorial Iraqi regime of Saddam Hussein. On the fortieth anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights the Secretary-General of the United Nations, Javier Pèrez de Cuèllar stated, "Consciousness of human rights has to permeate the political ethos of a society. This alone holds a guarantee for the observance of these rights. A universal culture of human rights must be our aim. For realizing it, communication and information are indispensable." To promote these goals other countries should also issue stamps and a few may have on occasion issued stamps on this theme. 🍁

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The **SEEDS** of Stamp Collecting **SOWN** 80 Years Ago

By James Grimwood-Taylor

The future of stamp collecting has always been a preoccupation of “older” philatelists; we hope that someone may come along after us to enjoy the treasures we have discovered and to marvel at the research we have undertaken. Cavendish have been sponsoring Kidstamps (see planetstamp.co.uk for an up-to-date glimpse of what amuses today’s young collectors) for some while and I gave a talk on the hobby’s “future” to the British Philatelic Congress several years back, so we are trying to do our bit. However, I was recently intrigued to gain an insight into how adults “sold” our hobby to schoolchildren in 1926. My late father did not enjoy his prep-school career from 1925 to 1930, at the long-gone “Oatlands School” near Harrogate but – to my great surprise – he did keep some of his old school magazines. I unearthed them from a chest-of-drawers in my grandfather’s house near Derby last year. In the December 1926 issue of the school’s magazine, *The Cereal*, there is an intriguing article entitled “Stamp Collecting at School” by one Ernest Solly, F.R.C.S. I shall quote part of the article here, because many of its statements seem to me still to have great relevance today:

“Stamp collecting is really a form of hunting: and as such satisfies one of the primitive instincts of living beings; and though the hunter may be proud of the trophies of his skill in the chase, every good sportsman will agree that the real pleasure consists in pursuit rather than in possession. Mr. Jorrocks, of whom some of you have probably heard, pro-

posed the toast of “Fox Hunting” as “the Sport of Kings; the image of War without its guilt; and only 25 per cent of the danger.” I will parody that by saying that stamp collecting is “the Hobby of Kings, the Spirit of Sport without the necessity of killing anything, and no danger.” And one more general point, before we get down to particulars. I have said that the fun lay in pursuit rather than in possession. Alexander the Great is said to have regretted that there were no more worlds for him to conquer: when you have got

collecting – habits of carefulness, cleanliness, and tidiness for instance. When I used to give ambulance lectures, I used to begin by saying that the first thing anyone should do when called to give first-aid after an accident was to see that he did not make the injured person worse. As to tidiness, I was once asked to give some advice to the members of a School Stamp Club, and in looking over their albums, I noticed that many had got their stamps in crookedly and at different levels. I suggested

... stamp collecting is “the Hobby of Kings, the Spirit of Sport without the necessity of killing anything, and no danger.”

to the top of the tree all you can do is to come down, and “climbing down” is not usually a pleasant process and often difficult. It is always stimulating to have something still ahead of you, and in spite of the German proverb (I give it translated, though it loses some force thereby) “Everything has an end, but the sausage has two.” I contend that stamp collecting has no end. You can always go on hunting for something else, and keep the game alive. It is sometimes said that stamp collecting is good for boys as it teaches them geography. I don’t quite agree; “learning” is the really important thing towards which teaching can only help. [I commend Surtees’ Jorrocks books to anyone who has not yet read them. J.G-T]

There are other things, too, which can be learned from stamp

that they should try to imagine what their mother’s drawing-room would look like if the pictures were hung up on the walls “just anyway”, crooked, at all sorts of different levels, or even upside down. When anyone notices how much better a stamp collection looks if the stamps are nearly arranged, he will carry the idea into other and more important things.

And now for a final word as to methods of collecting stamps. First: by gifts from friends. As to these, go through them carefully; if they are stuck to pieces of envelopes or other paper, and they have to be damped off, be patient with them, wait till they are really loose: and if they are fine specimens be very careful not to tear them; if they are torn or de-

fective, but still worth keeping for some reason, see that you don't make them worse.

Second: by exchange with others. In some ways this is the pleasantest part of the business, especially if you can get the help of someone more experienced to work out a fair exchange rate.

Third: by purchase. To spend some of your pocket money on stamps is as sensible as to spend it on chocolate or toffee or anything else that you like, and in the case of stamps, you have, at any rate, something to show for it when you have enjoyed the purchase. Buy because you think you'll like having the stamps: but don't buy a 5s. packet, and expect to find a stamp in it which you can sell to a dealer for £5; you are much more likely to find that he would not give you 5d. for the whole packetful. Later on, if you fancy taking up stamp dealing as a business you may find it profitable. Many dealers have made fortunes out of it and some dealers are quite honest, decent people...! [Ouch! Now I see why my father was somewhat reluctant to have his younger son turn into a professional philatelist! J.G-T].

Later on, if you have taken care of your stamps you will find that many of them will have increased

in value, and if for any reason you wish to sell the collection you may find that you get more money than you have spent in buying the stamps, but it is much more likely to be the other way round – especially if you reckon in the interest on the money spent – but you must remember the pleasure you have had out of collecting. If that has not been worth what you have spent, then probably you will have lost money on the whole. If, on the other hand, you can look back, when you are older, to the delight which the getting of this or that stamp in your collection gave you, you have something which is beyond price, and of which nothing can rob you.

Even if you put aside collecting for the years spent at a public school, don't sell your collection for a cricket ball or something like that. Keep it carefully for a few years and it may be that later on it will be the joy of your life to revive your interest in your old school-boy collection."

In fact, I think many of these points are relevant to adult collectors today, almost 80 years after they were written. After all, I have heard it said (sometimes by perplexed spouses) that we "grown-up" collectors are just "big kids". ♣

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By George B. Arfken and Horace W. Harrison



Figure 1. The earliest five-cent RLS cover to the U.S. From Montreal, MR 6 76, to Detroit. Courtesy of John Fretwell.



Figure 2. JU 16 76, a very early five-cent RLS cover to the U.S. Photo courtesy of Robert A. Lee Auctions, from the Harry W. Lussey collection.

The October 1875 Official Postal Guide, Section XV Registration specified, for registering letters to the U.S.,

1. On every letter and packet, posted for registration, should be affixed, in addition to a stamp or stamps defining the postage, a registered letter stamp as follows:

3. On a letter addressed to any place in the United States, a registered letter stamp of the value of five cents.

Department Order No. 17, November 8, 1875, confirmed this requirement.

The earliest reported five cent RLS cover to the U.S., shown in Figure 1, is dated March 6, 1876^[1]. This cover was posted in Montreal, C.E. and addressed to Detroit, U.S.A. On the back of the cover, there is a Toronto MR 7 76 transit stamp and a Detroit Mar 9 receiving stamp. The 15-cent Large Queen and the six-cent Small Queen paid a 7-fold rate for up to 3½ ounces. The envelope is a large envelope, 8" x 4" and apparently packed full of legal documents.

With the Fretwell cover we now know of five five-cent RLS covers to the U.S, in 1876. A list of these five is shown to the left. *Canada's Small Queen Era*^[2], published in 1989, had only the JU 6 and JU 16 St. Catharines in its list of 1876 five-cent RLS covers to the U.S. Canada's Registered Mail^[3] has the list of five.

DATE STAMP	ORIGIN	DESTINATION
1. MR 6 76	Montreal, P.Q.	Detroit, Mich.
2. AP 11 76	St. Jacobs, Ont.	Lewiston, N.Y.
3. JU 6 76	St. Catharines, Ont.	Buffalo, N.Y.
4. JU 16 76	St. Catharines, Ont.	Buffalo, N.Y.
5. NO 18 76	Brantford, Ont.	Vermillion, Ohio

Table 1. Five-cent RLS Covers to the U.S. in 1876.

Cover No. 4 on this list is shown in Figure 2. This is a striking cover, ideal for an exhibit. It was posted in St. Catharines, Ont. on June 16, 1876, addressed to Buffalo, N.Y. The three-cent Small Queen and the five-cent RLS are each cancelled with the St. Catharines' 4-ring 38. The *Unitrade Specialized Catalogue* assigns this cancel a rarity factor of 8 (on a scale of 10) meaning "very rare."

St. Catharines had changed the spelling of its name to this form with an "ar". The post office's town date stamp was still using the old "er" spelling.

The two previous covers were properly paid, fully in accord with postal regulations. Part of the fun of studying postal history is finding covers that did not follow postal regulations. The cover of Figure 3 is a nice example. The writer or the Oxley postal clerk did not follow the injunction that a five-cent RLS "should be affixed." Instead, the five-cent registry fee was paid with a two-cent RLS and a three-cent Small Queen. This was not a major crime. It was just that a bureaucratic regulation was disregarded. Canada did receive the correct five cents.

A more serious penalty for the cover was that failure to follow the regulations meant that the cover did not qualify for position No. 3 on the above list.

The MR 6 76 cover (Figure 1) is the earliest reported five-cent RLS usage on a cover to the U.S. The earliest recorded use of any sort of the five-cent RLS is January 12, 1876 shown on the cover of Figure 4. The date is important because it shows that the five cent RLS had been issued at least by early January 1876.

Having given this cover credit for the earliest use of the five-cent RLS, we must point out that this usage was irregular, contrary to regulations, etc. This five cent RLS paid the three cents postage for this letter. The regis-

tered letter stamps were issued specifically for the payment of registry fees. They had not been authorized for the payment of postage. They were never authorized for the payment of postage. ♣



Figure 3. Irregular payment of registry fee. This cover was mailed in Oxley, Ont., May 1, 1876, and addressed to Cambridge, PA (Pennsylvania). Photo courtesy of Robert A. Lee Auctions, from the Harry W. Lussey collection.



Figure 4. From Lachute, C.E., JA 12 76, to Kingston. There is a Montreal JA 12 76 backstamp. Also a Kingston JA 13 receiving stamp. The cover was docketed "Letter from / Geo. Thening / ans Jan'y 14/76".

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A 19th Century Canadian *Renaissance Man*

By William Canniff, M.D.

Many men of my generation, coming as we did from fairly well-to-do families, had the opportunity to receive an education. In addition to be schooled, I was also an adventurous individual and a man with varied interests.

I was born on June 20, 1830 on the family farm north of Belleville, Upper Canada. My grandparents had been United Empire Loyalists (Figure 1) who

settled on the Bay of Quinte. In addition to the farm, my father and older brothers owned and operated a gristmill and a sawmill. Somehow, as the youngest of nine children, I convinced my parents to send me to Victoria College in Cobourg where my interest in learning expanded

By 1852, I was enrolled in Dr. John Rolph's Toronto School of Medicine where I studied under

Drs. William Thomas Aikins and Joseph Workman. Dr. Workman was Canada's best-known alienist of the 19th Century. Dr. Aikins eventually became president of the Toronto School of Medicine and he is credited with opening the medical program to women. The first two female students were Dr. Emily Stowe (Figure 2) who had already received her medical degree in the United States and Jennie Trout (Figure 3)

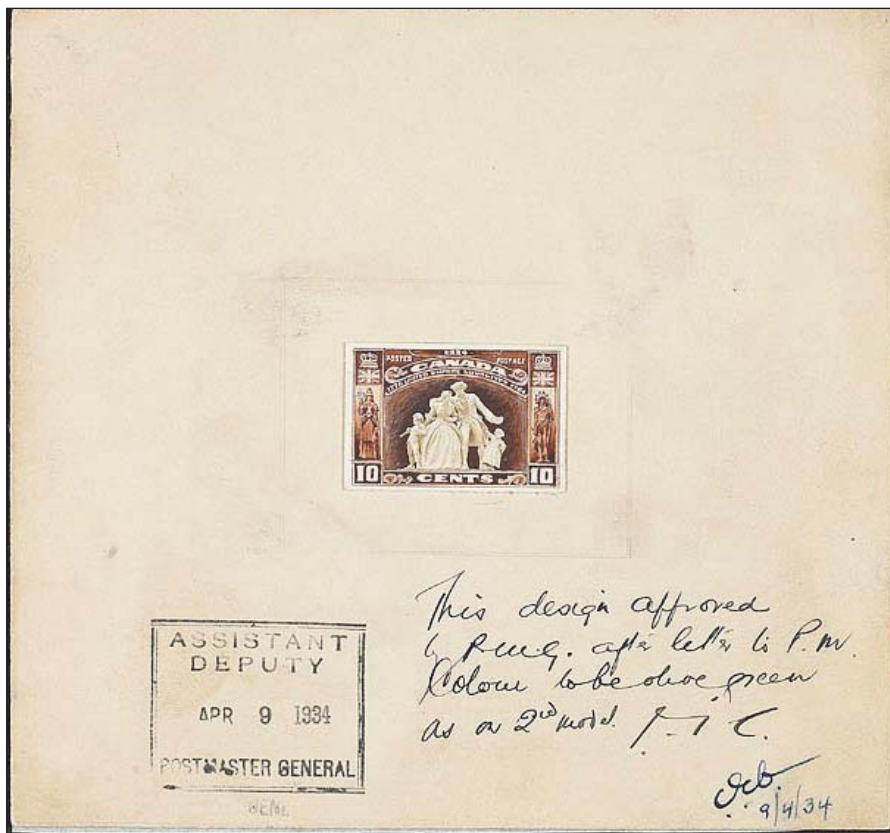


Figure 1. 150th Anniversary of the arrival of the United Empire Loyalists. Hand tinted photo vignette within hand drawn frame mounted on card.



Figure 2. Dr. Emily Stowe (1831-1903)



Figure 3. Dr. Jennie Trout (1841-1921)



Figure 4. Gutter pair showing Dr. Steven's Hospital, Dublin, Ireland



Figure 6. Wounded soldiers being tended in the field after the Battle of Chancellorsville – near Fredericksburg, VA, May 2, 1863.

who was to become the first woman to practice medicine with a Canadian license.

I graduated in 1854 and was granted a license to practice medicine. Following graduation, I went to New York to complete my medical education. In 1855, I went to London, England and studied at St. Thomas Hospital where I qualified for membership in the Royal College of Surgeons of England. I was fascinated by military medicine and decided to try the examination of the British Army Medical Board. As a result of passing the

examination I obtained a commission in the Royal Artillery and was posted to the Crimea. At the end of the conflict in 1856 I visited hospitals in London, Edinburgh and Dublin (Figure 4) before returning home and setting up practice in Belleville (Figure 5).

On my 27th birthday, I married Grace Hamilton. Sadly, she died of tuberculosis a year after our only son was born. After her death, I gave up my practice and accepted an appointment to teach at the medical faculty of Victoria College in Toronto. My

tenure there ended in a misunderstanding with Dr. Rolph and I resigned in 1863.

On September 15, 1859, I married Elizabeth Foster and we had six sons and one daughter. She died in 1908. I had no secure economic base and I turned to the Army of the Potomac (Figure 6) for employment. I received a surgeon's commission with the Northern Army in May 1863. My tenure was brief; I resigned in June and returned to Belleville to re-establish my practice.

Practicing medicine was not sufficiently fulfilling for me so I

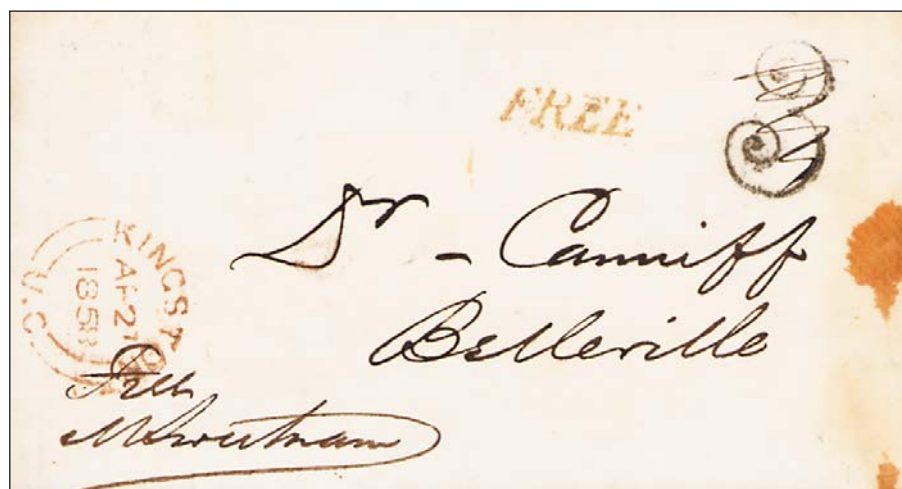


Figure 5. Cover mailed to Dr. Canniff from Kingston on April 27, 1858 and received by him on the same day (Belleville backstamp). Originally rated three pence, the 3 was crossed out and replaced by a Kingston Free straightline when the sender, M. Sweetnam, the post office inspector for the Kingston Division, was discovered to have free franking privilege.



Figure 7. Irish stamps to commemorate the 100th anniversary of The Fenians. The original stamps from this stamp-on-stamp design are said to have been prepared by Samuel Allan Taylor.

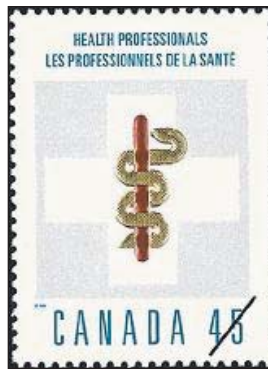


Figure 8. A 1998 stamp celebrating health professionals.



Figure 9. Sir John A. Macdonald, Prime Minister of Canada (1867-1874 and 1878-1891).

started writing. It was a passion that lasted all my life. My first book was *A Manual of the Principles of Surgery, Based on pathology for students*. Over the next 40 years, I wrote many medical treatises and articles. I became fascinated with history and wrote several books on the history of Upper Canada, Ontario, and the medical profession in Canada. In 1866, I helped care for the wounded during the Fenian Raids (Figure 7) and then went on to represent Canada at the First International Medical Congress of 1867 in Paris. During the Congressional sessions, I presented a paper on tuberculosis mortality in North Americans. In October of the same year I was involved in the inaugural meeting of the Canadian Medical Association (Figure 8).

To a certain extent, I can be considered a Canadian nationalist. My interest in history dates to the early 1860s when I participated in attempts to create an Upper Canadian historical society. During the Red River Rebellion of 1869-1870, I was actively involved with my brother-in-law William Alexander Foster in what would become the Canada

First movement and then, later on, in founding the Canada First Party.

In 1868, I returned to Toronto to become professor of surgery and sub-dean of the medical faculty of Victoria College. In 1870, I became dean but my career as an educator came to an abrupt end in 1874 when the faculty resigned en masse although I managed to keep my consultancy appointment at the Toronto General Hospital. For the next ten years I campaigned for federal, provincial and municipal public health legislation. I became president of the Canadian Medical Association in 1880 and fought hard for federal funding for urban mortality statistics.

In 1882, Sir John A. Macdonald's (Figure 9) government saw fit to support my funding request on the condition that municipalities create local boards of health and salaried health officers. As a result, I was appointed Toronto's first permanent medical health officer on March 12, 1883. I held this position for seven years before resigning. In



Figure 10. Moose Jaw broken circle cancel (proof strike) that was in service when Dr. Canniff visited in 1885.

1885, during the second Riel Rebellion, I joined the Sisters of St-John-the-Divine in setting up a hospital in Moose Jaw (Figure 10) to serve the wounded from Fish Creek, one of whom was my oldest son William.

I tried to rebuild my private practice in the early 1890s but without much success. I tried and failed to obtain the position of quarantine officer in 1894 and, as a result, I left for the Muskokas where I practiced some medicine, wrote articles on history and, according to my family, favored the grape. I returned to Belleville in 1900 to share accommodations with my brother Philip until 1908 when I entered the newly opened House of Refuge. I died there two years later leaving a paltry estate valued at \$500. ★

2004 Postage Stamp Program Schedule - Part I

(Part II may be found in the Nov/Dec 2004 issue of The Canadian Philatelist)

Subject	Value	Related Events	Cancellation Site
<u>FRIDAY, DECEMBER 19, 2003</u>			
Definitives		Rate Increase, January 12, 2004	
• Flag	1 x 49¢ (\$4.90 Stamp Pack of 10 SA)		Edmonton AB
• Queen	1 x 49¢ (\$4.90 Stamp Pack of 10 SA)		Ottawa ON
• Maple Leaf (USA / 2nd Step)	1 x 80¢ (\$4.80 Stamp Pack of 6 SA, \$40.00 Coil of 50 SA)		
• Maple Leaf (Int.)	1 x \$1.40 (\$8.40 Stamp Pack of 6 SA, \$70.00 Coil of 50 SA)		
• Maple Leaf	1 x 49¢ (\$49.00 coil of 100)		
• Moose	1 x \$5.00 FP4		
<u>THURSDAY, JANUARY 8, 2004</u>			
Lunar New Year	1 x 49¢ FP25	Lunar New Year, January 22, 2004	Toronto ON
• Year of the Monkey	1 x \$1.40 (Souvenir Sheet of 1)		
	Prepaid Postcard \$1.49		
<u>SATURDAY, JANUARY 24, 2004</u>			
NHL All-Stars	6 x 49¢ (Souvenir Sheet of 6, \$2.94 Booklet panel of 6 SA)	NHL All-Star Game, St. Paul, Minnesota February 7-8, 2004	Toronto ON
• Larry Robinson			
• Brad Park			
• Ted Lindsay			
• Marcel Dionne			
• Milt Schmidt			
• Johnny Bower			
<u>THURSDAY, JANUARY 29, 2004</u>			
Quebec Winter Carnival	1 x 49¢ (\$2.94 Stamp Pack of 6 SA)	Hong Kong 2004 : Start of Winter Carnival	Quebec QC
<u>MONDAY, MARCH 1, 2004</u>			
Commemorative Envelope	\$2.00		Montreal QC
• Henry Birks and Sons, 1879-2004			
<u>TUESDAY, MARCH 16, 2004</u>			
Governor General	1 x 49¢ FP16	Born March 16, 1934	Ottawa ON
Ramon Hnatyshyn, 1934-2002			
<u>FRIDAY, MARCH 26, 2004</u>			
Otto Sverdrup, 1854-1930	1 x 49¢ FP16 : 1 x \$1.40 (Souvenir Sheet of 1)	Joint Issue With Norway and Greenland	Grise Fiord NU
<u>FRIDAY, MARCH 26, 2004</u>			
Army Cadets, 1879-2004	1 x 49¢ (\$3.92 Stamp Pack of 8 SA)		Ottawa ON
<u>TUESDAY, MARCH 30, 2004</u>			
Urban Transit / Light Rail	4 x 49¢ FP16	Toronto Subway Opens March 30, 1954	Toronto ON
<u>MONDAY, APRIL 19, 2004</u>			
Home Hardware, 1963-2004	1 x 49¢ (\$4.90 Stamp Pack of 10 SA)	First Store, Head Office St. Jacobs	St. Jacobs ON
<u>SATURDAY, APRIL 24, 2004</u>			
Commemorative Envelope	\$2.00		Quebec QC Or Montreal QC
• Société philatélique de Québec, 1929-2004			
<u>TUESDAY, MAY 4, 2004</u>			
University of Sherbrooke	1 x 49¢ (\$3.92 Stamp Pack of 8)		Sherbrooke QC
1954-2004			
<u>FRIDAY, MAY 7, 2004</u>			
Audubon Birds	4 x 49¢ FP16 : 1 x 80¢ (\$4.80 Stamp Pack of 6 SA)		Montreal QC
<u>SATURDAY, MAY 8, 2004</u>			
University of Prince Edward Island,	1 x 49¢ (\$3.92 Stamp Pack of 8)		Charlottetown PE
1804-2004			
<u>THURSDAY, MAY 13, 2004</u>			
• Montreal Children's Hospital,	1 x 49¢ (\$3.92 Stamp Pack of 8 SA)	Founded 30 January 1904	Montreal QC
1904-2004		Annual Ball 13 May	

Check Out Rural Post Offices...

By Kimber Wald

Some Sell Beer



Figure 2 (left). The Feversham post office today.

Figure 3 (above). Greg Short provides service at the post office counter at the back of his store.

An interesting cover in my collection is one sent June 29 1927, from Feversham, ON to Flesherton, ON (Fig. 1). A three-cent drop letter rate supposed to send local delivery rated letters from one community to another but it was occasionally done. (see album page at right). According to the late Alan L. Steinhart in his book *The Admiral Era: A Rate Study 1912-1928*, their postmasters were subjected to criticism for it (p. 14).

Since Feversham and Flesherton are close, I decided to take a side trip from Toronto to check them out.

I visited Feversham first. The town is very small with a population of 155 and its post office is located in a general store (Fig. 2). The postal operation is at the back of the building beyond the food section (Fig. 3). It has been

in this location for decades and postcards are sold which show the post office in much earlier days (Fig. 4). Besides the delicious sandwiches and delightful snacks, this "post office" also sells beer! Try to buy a six-pack at the main Toronto post office sometime!



According to the National Archives of Canada, the Feversham post office was opened September 1, 1857, and its first postmaster was John Sproule. Joan G. Short is the current postmaster and is assisted by her husband, Greg. I was informed that the earlier post office burned down decades ago and the structure was rebuilt.

Drive down Route 2, turn right on Route 4, and 12.1 miles away you will find Flesherton, population 543. The entire area is a lovely countryside and this is illustrated by Fig. 5, which shows Hogg's Falls on the Boyne river near Flesherton.

I had two goals: The first one was to find the 1927 Flesherton post office building; the other was to find out something about

Figure 1.



Figure 6 . J. W. Bellamy's office located next to the former Flesherton post office. Today it is a run down storage facility.



Figure 7. Today's Flesherton post office. A dull building at 6 Durham Street.

the recipient of the cover, W. J. Bellamy. The intersection of Toronto Road and Durham Street looks essentially as it did at the time when my cover arrived. From the local librarian I learned 18 Toronto Road was the address of the post office in 1927. It is now a gift shop.

Historically, the Artemesia Post Office was established July 6, 1851, and in 1866 the name was changed to Flesherton. Previously, settlers received their mail only once in several months. W. W. Trimble served as postmaster 1910-1935 and he was the one who located the post office at 18 Toronto Road. Subsequently it moved again and finally ended up in a dull looking building at 6 Durham Street (Fig. 7) which was constructed in 1962.

And now we turn to W. J. Bellamy. Records indicate he was very active in local politics and served as the clerk of the Artemesia Council for 62 years. He lived at 30 Toronto Road and operated an accounting business in a building which now is a run-down storage facility (Fig. 6).

These philatelic tours can be delightful. As one who grew up in and has been a resident of large urban areas all of his life it is nice to transport yourself back in time 75 years and savour the rural life of past decades. 🍁



Figure 4. Postcard sold by the Feversham post office showing it in earlier days. A portion of the mural portrayed on this card appears on the side of the post office building.

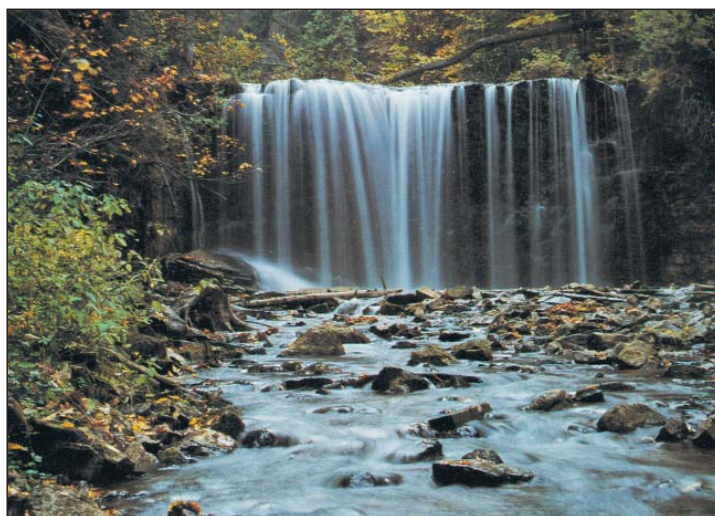


Figure 5. Hogg's Falls on the Boyne River near Flesherton.

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Transcribing Sounds

A Primary Source

By Michael Madesker, RDP, FRPSC

Ptolemy V Epiphanes was crowned King of Egypt on March 27, 196 BCE. A Royal edict was issued to commemorate the occasion extolling the benefits conferred on Egypt by the 13-year-old monarch.



In order to make the text available to a wide audience, the granite tablet was carved, from top to bottom, in three scripts: Egyptian hieroglyphics (sacred engravings), demotic script (a cursive form of hieroglyphics used by majority of people), and Greek. Ptolemy V was the descendant of Logus, a Macedonian general in the service of Alexander the Great who originated the Ptolemaic Dynasty. His son, Ptolemy I, was the first incumbent; Cleopatra VII the last.

Alexandria, the Ptolemaic Dynasty's capital of Egypt, was ransacked by invading armies throughout its history. Its monuments, art, and library were scattered for many miles around. Several ended up in the sea and some, as the Royal edict of Ptolemy V, as far away as 30 miles, near a town called in Arabic Rashid and in French

Rausette. In all likelihood the Tablet, now known as the Rosetta Stone, may have been there since 48 BCE when Alexandria was destroyed by Caesar's legions.

A French soldier, Pierre Poushar, a member of the French legions, uncovered the stone in 1797 in the mud of the Nile Delta near Rosetta while digging a foundation for a fort. It was Jean Champollier, a French Egyptologist, who translated the stone's writing.



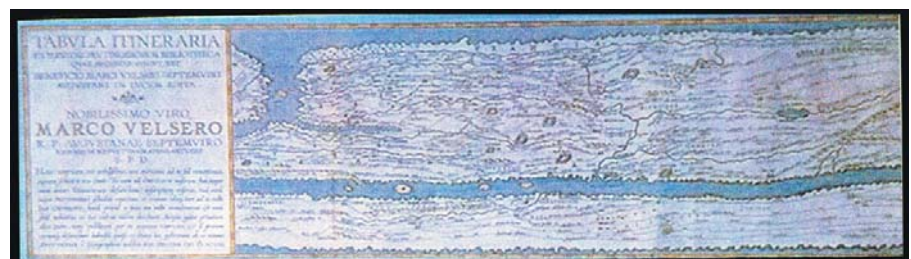
Anyone familiar only with the modern topography of the area encompassing Rashid and the Nile Delta would not have a true impression of what the area looked like in ancient times. Nature and man-made changes certainly have altered what Ptolemy

V and Pierre Poushar had witnessed.

The Nile Delta, as it may have been seen by the French armies in 1799, is pictured on a fragment of a map drawn by Abraham Ortelius in 1585, a Dutch geographer. The complete works of Ortelius consisting of 147 maps is housed at the Istituto Geografico Militare in Florence, Italy.



The Tabula Peutingeriana, named after its 1507 owner, is a cartogram or a map showing diagrammatically by shades and curves, on its slide No. 120B, the Nile Delta. This document, it is thought, dates back to the year 100 CE and owes its survival to an Austrian monk who copied it in 1598 fearing for its survival due to extreme fragility. It is currently held by the National Library in Vienna. 🍁



SURCHARGE SPACING

France issued a "Navigation and Commerce" series for most of its possessions in the late 19th and early 20th century. Stamps issued for some possessions were surcharged in 1912. The surcharge had two spacings between the numerals. For the 05-centimes-on-20-centimes stamp, the ordinary, narrow spacing catalogues 20 centimes, either mint hinged (MH) or used. With the wider spacing, the price is 250 francs MH or used. The spacing difference for the 05-centime surcharge is about 1 mm normally and 2 mm for the variety. The spacing difference is great enough to see by eye, if there is a comparison surcharge available, as is shown in the illustration.



As a philatelic aside, the Navigation and Commerce issue was forged by Fournier. He also forged surcharges, overprints, and cancellations, so it is useful to have some ability to distinguish Fournier's work. Your author makes two usual checks of these stamps. The cornucopia on the right side of the design should have a strong line between the top of the horn and all the contents, especially the round fruit at the left. And the figure holding the cornucopia should have a navel. If the

line is missing and the figure lacks a navel, the stamp is a Fournier forgery. The areas of interest are marked on the "Navigation and Commerce" illustration.



"Values:" dividing the variety value by the value of the ordinary stamp will create a multiple the reader can apply to prices from any other catalog. For example, if the ordinary stamp has a used price of 100 marks (or francs), and the variety has a used price of 350 marks (or francs), multiplying a *Scott* or *Unitrade* price for the used stamp by 3.5 will give an approximate value for the variety. 🌿

As usual, color images are available to those who e-mail me with requests (napoleon@voyager.net).



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BNAPS St. Lawrence Regional Group - Best BNA Award
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- Kimber Wald - Canada 1927 Historical and Confederation Anniversary Issues
RA Stamp Club - Reserve Grand Award
APS - Medal of Excellence 1900-1940
- John Cooper - Booklets under Four Reigns
- Robert Lane - Railway Post Office Cancellations used in Manitoba

VERMEIL MEDALS

- David Handelman - United States - RRR & AR
APS Research Medal
- George Rath - The German 1948/49 Surtax Stamps
APS - Medal of Excellence 1940-1980
- George Fiala - Outline of Russian Music
ATA - Best Topical
- Stephane Cloutier - Ontario Numeral Duplex Cancellations
AAPE - Best Novice Award
- Herb McNaught - Canada 1897 Jubilees
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AAPE - Best Presentation Pin
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GOLD / OR

- Peter Newroth - Gold Coast: Victorian Stamps and Postal History - *Grand Award*
- *Gray Scrimgeour - Trans-Pacific Steamship Mail of Canada - Reserve Grand Award*
- David Piercey - Newfoundland: The Postal Issues 1865-1908
- William Topping - Canadian Pacific Steamships Way Mail
- Kevin O'Reilly - A Pre-Confederation Postal History of Labrador
- Tom Gosse - King George VI British Commonwealth 'Not Exactly the Norm'
- John Powell - Postal Stationery, Air Letter Cards, and Aerogrammes used in Iraq 1914-2003
- John Wilson - Cancellations on Hong Kong adhesives, 1862-1962

VERMEIL

- Herbert McNaught - Canada: 1897 Diamond Jubilee
- John Jamieson - Newfoundland John Guy Tercentenary 1910- 1911 Issue
- William Robinson - Northern Gold
- Robert Lane - Railway Post Office Cancellations used in Manitoba
- James Taylor - St. Pierre and Miquelon 1858-1937
- Earle Covert - C. O. D. in Canada
- Pete Jacobi - Cominco Ltd. - A Canadian Mining Success Story
- Earle Covert - 1897 Tobacco Stamps of Canada
- Dave Russum - Great Britain: One Penny Postage
- Christopher Miller - Performance Persia
- George Constantourakis - Olympic Games & Their Historical Development

SILVER / ARGENT

- Donna Trathen - Horse Breeds of the World

SILVER-BRONZE / BRONZE ARGENTE

- Fred Mayer - Canada Queen Elizabeth II Coil Stamps 1953-1976
- John Rogers - Canada, The Evolution of Cancellations from Pen to Machine
- Walter Herdzyk - Northern Rhodesia 1963 Issues - Prelude to Zambia
- Donald Wilson - Pioneers of Design 1840-1900

BRONZE

- Hugh Delaney - Ornaments & Postal Clerk Hammers of British Columbia
- Tong Yuen - The History of World Cup Soccer 1930-2002

ONE FRAME / UN CADRE

VERMEIL

- Russell Sampson - A Selection of Canadian Perforations of the King Edward VII Issue
- Herbert McNaught - Canada: Half Cent Small Queen
- Gary Tomasson - Identification of Genuine 5-Hole OH/MS Stamps
- Pete Jacobi - Ghosts of the Silvery Slocan - The Postal History of BC's Highway 31A
- Michael Peach - Postal Stationery Wrappers (Victorian Britain)

SILVER / ARGENT

- Mark Jurisich - Marion Island: The Early Mails 1947-1957 With Felicitations
- Robert Lane - 19th Century Brandon Post Office and Railway Post Office Postmarks
- Raymond Ireson - Columbia: The "Classic" Issues 1859-1866
- Raymond Ireson - In Search of El Dorado

SILVER BRONZE / BRONZE ARGENTE

- Mike McPhail - Australia: Commemoratives of George V
- John Wilson - "Brother Carl's Share of the Chocolates"
- Ken Ho - The Varieties of Elements with Paper Creases and/or Folds Philately
- Peter Zariwny - Machine Slogan Cancels of Newfoundland 1918-1949

BRONZE

- David Christensen - SHOAH: The Holocaust
- Hugh Delaney - "Only Her Hairdresser Knows for Sure"
- Hugh Delaney - What Passes for Proper Postage

JUNIORS

VERMEIL

- Kelly Liusz - Christmas in Canada
- Amber O'Reilly - In Come the Pigs...
- Orrin Esau - Track and Field

SILVER / ARGENT

- James Barron - Milestones in the History of Aviation

PALMARES / RÉSULTATS

**By / Par
Alan Hanks**

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Serving on the jury panel of NTSS-2004 was Frank Alusio, FRPSC.

MULTI-FRAME THEMATIC EXHIBITS

SILVER

- Donna Trathen of Calgary - Horse Breeds of the Continents

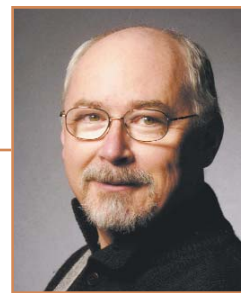
BRONZE

- Gib Stephens of Woodstock, ON - Man-Birds and Their Wings to 1914

MULTI-FRAME DISPLAY THEMATIC EXHIBITS

VERMEIL

- Alan Hanks of Aurora, ON - "Microcosmos"



**REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT
ROYAL PHILATELIC SOCIETY OF CANADA
76TH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
THE LORD NELSON HOTEL
HALIFAX, NOVA SCOTIA - MAY 29, 2004**

1. Introduction

This is my fourth report to you as President of our Society. Again this year I was ably helped by the Executive Committee composed of Ted Nixon, Rick Penko, Harry Sutherland, John Keenlyside and Keith Spencer. As usual, Past Presidents Jim Kraemer, Michael Madesker and Bill Robinson continue to be a great source of advice and support. I would be remiss not to also thank the other Directors and Officers of the Society for their help and support in the running of the Society over the last year. Without their altruistic participation many of the Society's activities would not happen.

2. The National Office

Our contract with our service provider, Parr & Associates came to an end this year; however, Andrew Parr and I agreed to extend the contract on a month-to-month basis until the needs of your Society have been examined and new terms of reference have been drawn up. In the meantime, your Directors are looking at the changes required to manage the Society and keep it growing in areas where technology quickly outpaces the way we do business. In the meantime, I wish to thank Mr. Parr and his staff for excellent management of the Society in 2003-2004.

3. The Canadian Philatelist / Le philatéliste canadien

This has been a year of consolidation for the magazine. There were no changes to its format and size, although the current issue (May-June 2004) was given added spice with half the magazine being published with one cover and the other half with another. If you wish to have both, order it from the National Office at \$5 plus \$1 for postage.

**RAPPORT DU PRÉSIDENT
SOCIÉTÉ ROYALE DE PHILATÉLIE DU CANADA
76^E ASSEMBLÉE GÉNÉRALE ANNUELLE
THE LORD NELSON HOTEL
HALIFAX (NOUVELLE-ÉCOSSE) - 29 MAI 2004**

1. Introduction

Ceci est mon quatrième rapport en tant que président de La Société. Cette année encore, j'ai été secondé par un comité de direction extrêmement capable composé de Ted Nixon, Rick Penko, Harry Sutherland, John Keenlyside et Keith Spencer. Comme à leur habitude, les anciens présidents Jim Kraemer, Michael Madesker et Bill Robinson continuent à nous être d'un grand secours par leurs conseils et leur soutien. Je tiens également à remercier les autres administrateurs et membres de la direction pour leur aide et leur appui qui ont favorisé le bon fonctionnement de La Société durant cette année qui vient de s'écouler. Sans leur participation altruiste, de nombreuses activités de La Société ne verraient jamais le jour.

2. Le bureau national

Notre contrat avec notre prestataire de services Parr + Associates est parvenu à sa fin cette année. Cependant, Andrew Parr et moi-même avons convenu de prolonger le contrat sur une base mensuelle jusqu'à ce que les besoins de La SRPC aient été examinés et de nouveaux mandats de référence aient été tracés. Entre-temps, vos administrateurs examinent les changements nécessaires à la gestion et à l'essor de La Société dans les domaines où la technologie prend rapidement de l'avance sur nos manières d'opérer. J'aimerais en profiter pour remercier M. Parr et son personnel de leur excellente gestion de La Société pour l'année 2003-2004.

3. Le philatéliste canadien

Ce fut une année de consolidation pour le magazine. Aucun changement n'est survenu dans sa présentation graphique ni son format, bien que le tout dernier numéro (mai-juin 2004) ait eu un peu plus de piquant, une moitié ayant été publiée avec une couverture et l'autre moitié avec une autre couverture. Si vous désirez avoir les deux, commandez la couverture qui vous manque auprès du Bureau national pour 5 \$ et 1 \$ de frais de poste.

Our advertisers have repositioned themselves with some deciding to change their frequency; however, we were able to add new advertisers, many one-time. This allowed us to increase our advertising revenues by almost \$4,000 from \$28,569 to \$32,537 in 2003. Currently, there is also a small increase over last year's advertising revenues in 2004. Sales of *The CP* at newsstands has decreased substantially. In 2002 average sales were 161 per issue; in 2003, 127. We sold 32% of the magazine in the racks in 2002 and only 25% in 2003. Although this still is above the national average of 20% sales for magazine like ours, we need to look at how we could bring our sales back up.

4. The Website

Our website continues to be a vehicle to promote Canadian philately and offers an electronic entry to the Society. Our webmaster, Robin Harris, continues to make many major unseen technical changes to the site to help viewers better navigate. In addition, he continuously updates many sections for the benefit of the visitors. We recently obtained the web address philatelia.ca, so those individuals who seek this type of address will automatically revert to our site. I encourage you again to visit The RPSC's site at www.rpsc.org for up-to-date information about new stamps issued by Canada Post, links to other sites, the on-line library and current activities of The Society.

Technology is a tool that can help us manage our Society better; as a result, Vice-President Rick Penko and Webmaster Robin Harris have undertaken a major study of improvements that could be brought to the website to help us improve our service to our members, including the use of web renewal of their membership. For example, our website produced 34 new members last year despite the fact that they could not apply and pay their membership on-line. We believe that if web surfers could do so, new membership from the web would double. In the next few months we will be looking at their report and acting on their recommendations.

5. Canada Post Corporation

Canada Post has been in the news recently concerning some of its marketing activities, including the Stamp the Future Project. The Society participated in this project in 1999 and 2000 when several of its members sat as jury mem-

Nos annonces publicitaires ont changé de cadence. Nous avons néanmoins pu en inclure de nouvelles, dont de nombreuses annonces uniques. Ceci nous a permis d'augmenter nos recettes publicitaires de presque 4 000 \$, passant de 28 569 \$ à 32 537 \$ en 2003. Nous enregistrons actuellement en 2004 une légère hausse par rapport aux recettes publicitaires de l'an dernier. *Le PC* se vend par contre de moins en moins dans les kiosques. En 2002, la moyenne des ventes était de 161 par numéro; en 2003, 127. Autrement dit, nous avons vendu 32 % de nos magazines en kiosque en 2002 contre seulement 25 % en 2003. Bien que ce taux soit encore supérieur à la moyenne de 20 % pour des magazines comme le nôtre, nous devons chercher à relever ces ventes.

4. Le site web

Notre site continue de servir à la promotion de la philatélie canadienne et constitue la porte d'entrée électronique à La Société. Notre gestionnaire de site Robin Harris continue d'y effectuer de nombreux grands changements techniques invisibles visant à mieux assister les visiteurs. De plus, il remet à jour continuellement de nombreuses sections pour le plus grand bien des visiteurs. Nous avons récemment obtenu l'adresse Web www.philatelia.ca. Les personnes qui recherchent ce type d'adresse seront automatiquement orientées vers notre site. J'encourage de nouveau chacun de vous à visiter notre site à www.rpsc.org pour tout savoir sur les dernières émissions de timbres par Postes Canada, les liens aux autres sites, la bibliothèque en direct et les activités courantes de La Société.

La technologie est un outil qui peut nous aider à mieux gérer La Société. De ce fait, le vice-président Rick Penko et le gestionnaire de site Robin Harris ont entrepris une importante étude des perfectionnements possibles qui nous permettraient d'améliorer notre service aux membres, y compris la possibilité de renouveler leur adhésion en ligne. Notre site a, par exemple, recruté 34 nouveaux membres l'an dernier malgré l'impossibilité de faire la demande d'adhésion et de régler la cotisation en ligne. Nous sommes convaincus que si les visiteurs du site avaient cette commodité, les nouveaux membres issus du Web doubleraient. Dans les mois à venir, nous examinerons leurs observations et agirons dans le sens de leurs recommandations.

5. Société canadienne des postes

Postes Canada a récemment fait une des nouvelles concernant certaines commercialisations de ses produits, à savoir le projet de Timbrons l'avenir. La Société a participé à ce projet en 1999 et en 2000 lorsque plusieurs de ses membres ont servi en tant que membres du jury dans chaque province et chaque territoire. Ils ont aidé à sélectionner les prix et mentions honorables pour leurs régions

bers in every province and territory. They helped select the winning entries for their geographic region. Other members, who sit on the Stamp Advisory Committee, were on the final selection committee. I am confident that this project was well run and in the final analysis will be seen as such.

Like many large corporations Canada Post regularly reviews its management practices and contributions. Its support to The RPSC and to philately is currently under review. In the end, I am sure that both organizations will come to a mutually satisfactory agreement.

6. International

Just last weekend (May 22) I had the opportunity and pleasure to represent The RPSC at the second Smithsonian Institution Philatelic Achievement Awards in Washington. I was pleased to do so since all three recipients were honoured mainly for their research and writing. Congratulations to Tom Alexander, George Brett and Barbara Mueller.

At the next FIP Congress in Singapore next September, Michael Madesker's reign as President of the FIP's Commission for Youth Philately comes to an end after three terms. In those 12 years Michael has completely revamped youth philately, tightened its international structures and made it an international philatelic class as important as the others. His primary legacy, however, has been the extension of youth philately deep into the Asian continent. He took the best ideas and practices from the strong countries such as those in Europe and Canada and applied them in many countries in Asia. In his 12 years as President, he has managed to ensure that many of the Asian Federations are as strong as their European counterparts when it comes to Youth philately. Congratulations and thank you, Michael, for a job well-done.

Canada has been selected to host the 2006 Ameristamp Expo Competition. It will be held in Toronto for only the second time. The first was in 1998, also in Toronto that the Competition was held outside the USA.

Canada has also offered to host a Continental show for all Nations in the Americas in 2008. We are awaiting an answer to our request from the Congress of the Federation Inter-Americana de Filatelia which is being held in Valencia, Spain this weekend.

géographiques. D'autres membres qui ont servi au Comité consultatif ont aussi servi au Comité des sélections finales. Je suis confiant que ce projet a été extrêmement bien mené à terme et que l'analyse finale sera vue de cet œil.

Comme beaucoup de grandes sociétés, Postes Canada révisé souvent ses pratiques de gestion et ses contributions. Son appui à La SRPC et à la philatélie est en cours de révision. Finalement, je suis sûr que les deux organisations parviendront à un accord satisfaisant.

6. International

J'ai eu l'occasion et le plaisir le 22 mai dernier de représenter La SRPC lors de la deuxième remise des prix philatéliques de l'Institution Smithsonian à Washington. J'ai été très heureux de le faire puisque les trois récipiendaires ont été principalement récompensés pour leur recherche et leurs écrits. Félicitations à Tom Alexander, George Brett et Barbara Mueller.

Le prochain congrès de la FIP à Singapour en septembre dernier marquera la fin du règne de douze ans de Michael Madesker en tant que président de la Commission pour la Philatélie Jeunesse de la FIP. Pendant ces douze années, Michael a complètement réorganisé la philatélie pour les jeunes, a renforcé ses structures internationales et en a fait une classe philatélique internationale aussi importante que les autres. Ce qu'il laisse tout d'abord derrière lui, c'est l'élargissement de la philatélie des jeunes dans le continent asiatique. Il a emprunté les meilleures idées et pratiques d'Europe et du Canada et les a appliquées dans de nombreux pays asiatiques. Durant ses trois mandats à la présidence, il a réussi à hisser de nombreuses fédérations d'Asie au même rang que les fédérations européennes en matière de philatélie jeunesse. Félicitations, Michael, et merci de ce travail si bien fait.

Le Canada a été sélectionné pour organiser l'AMERISTAMP EXPO Competition de 2006. Celle-ci se tiendra à Toronto et ce sera seulement la deuxième fois (la première ayant été à Toronto en 1998) que la compétition se déroulera en dehors des États-Unis.

Le Canada a également proposé d'organiser une exposition continentale pour toutes les nations d'Amérique en 2008. Nous attendons une réponse du Congrès de la Federation Inter-Americana de Filatelia qui s'est tenue à Valence en Espagne à la fin de mai.

7. Finances

Dans un autre numéro, John Keenlyside produira sous peu un rapport financier détaillé. Je me contenterai simplement de préciser que je suis heureux de notre état financier pour 2003 et j'espère qu'il en sera de même pour vous. A la fin de 2003, nous avons eu une réduction imposante dans nos recettes qui ont causé un déficit pour la dernière année fiscale. Une grande partie de ces recettes ont été créditée au compte de La Société au début de 2004.

7. Finances

John Keenlyside will be providing you with a detailed financial report shortly but let me just tell you that I am delighted with our current financial state and I hope you will be also.

Five years ago we contracted out our circuit book service since, at the time, we were losing substantial amounts of money operating it. The Executive Committee has renewed the contract with R. D. Miner for another five years. Our thanks to Dwayne Miner and Sandra Foss for making this service available to our members for the last five years.

8. Membership

At last year's convention, your Board of Directors decided that we would no longer account for membership from one convention to another but by calendar year. It makes comparison for this year's report a little more difficult. Since the last report, in May 2003, our membership has a net increase of 69 new members despite some major house cleaning of the membership lists. Our membership stood at 2,818 as of December 31, 2003.

In 2003 we also undertook two new recruitment campaigns. One produced a financial loss and the other broke even. We put a full-page ad in *The American Philatelist* and two in *Canadian Stamp News*. Income from the 11 new members resulting from *The American Philatelist* ad was about half of what the ad cost while the 36 new members from *Canadian Stamp News* paid for the two ads. If we retain half or more of these members at renewal time, then the campaign will have been successful.

One again this year, Michael Madesker has been very generous to the Society. Last year he sponsored the new medallions which the Society offers to all who have been members for 50 years or more. This year Michael has provided a Chain of Office for the President of the Society. I will wear it with pride as I am sure will my successors.

9. Conclusion

In 2004-2005 we will seek to find new and innovative ways to increase membership. It will also be the year for administrative renewal.

As usual please don't hesitate to get involved. Please feel free to write or e-mail me with your comments, ideas, kudos and complaints. Thank you for attending the meeting and thank you for listening so attentively to my report.

Charles J. G. Verge, FRPSC, FRPSL
President

Halifax, Nova Scotia, May 29, 2004

Il y a cinq ans, nous avons confié notre programme de ventes par circuit à un opérateur puisque nous perdions trop d'argent à le faire fonctionner nous-même. Le Comité administratif a renouvelé le contrat avec R.D. Miner pour une nouvelle période de cinq ans. Tous nos remerciements à Dwayne Miner et Sandra Foss pour nous avoir donné accès à ce service dont ont pu profiter nos membres ces cinq dernières années.

8. Membres

Au congrès de l'an dernier, votre Conseil d'administration a décidé de comptabiliser le nombre de membres non plus d'un congrès à l'autre, mais pour chaque année civile, ce qui rend la comparaison pour cette année un peu plus difficile. Depuis le dernier rapport de mai 2003, nous avons enregistré 69 nouveaux membres (net) en dépit d'un grand ménage de la liste. Au 31 décembre 2003, nos membres étaient au nombre de 2818.

En 2003, nous avons aussi entrepris deux nouvelles campagnes de recrutement. L'une se traduisit par une perte et l'autre nous a juste permis de rentrer dans nos frais. Nous avons fait paraître une annonce pleine page dans *The American Philatelist* et deux dans le journal *Canadian Stamp News*. Les recettes générées par les 11 nouveaux membres suite à l'annonce dans *The American Philatelist* représentaient environ la moitié de la somme dépensée pour l'annonce, tandis que celles générées par les 36 nouveaux membres grâce à *Canadian Stamp News* ont pu payer pour les deux annonces. Si nous conservons au moins la moitié de ces nouveaux membres lors du renouvellement des adhésions, la campagne aura été un succès.

Une fois de plus cette année, Michael Madesker a été très généreux envers La Société. L'an dernier, il avait parrainé les nouveaux médaillons que La Société remet à tous les membres depuis 50 ans et plus. Cette année, Michael a offert une chaîne de fonction au président de La Société, chaîne que je porterai avec autant de fierté que mes successeurs.

9. Conclusion

En 2004-2005, nous rechercherons de nouveaux moyens créatifs d'augmenter le nombre de nos membres. Ce sera aussi l'année d'un renouvellement administratif.

Comme toujours, je vous encourage à prendre part à La Société. N'hésitez pas à nous faire part de vos commentaires, vos idées, vos félicitations ou vos critiques. Merci de votre présence et de votre attention.

Charles J. G. Verge, FRPSC, FRPSL
President

Halifax (Nouvelle-Écosse), le 29 mai 2004

MEMBERSHIP Report *Rapports de MEMBRES*

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- I-28210 Ian K. Bate
I-28211 Gerry Vader
I-28212 Paulo Pasicznyk, Rochester, NY
• INTERESTS: Canada - Asia
I-28213 Lidobima Penalzoa
I-28217 Trevor Ashman
• INTERESTS: worldwide
I-28218 Joseph Craig
• INTERESTS: Atlantic + Pacific Islds, UAE, Sweden, Switzerland

- I-28219 Doris Pouliot
I-28220 John F. Kelly
• INTERESTS: Canada, USA, GB, NZ, Australia, France
I-28221 W.M. Lemmon
I-28222 Jan Verster
I-28223 Charles Bervier
I-28224 Joe Nadworny, East Bridgewater, MA
PROSPECT MEMBER
P- John Langley

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Pour que votre événement soit listé dans cette section du Philatéliste canadien veuillez envoyer tous les détails au Bureau national de la SRPC, C.P. 929, Succ. 'Q', Toronto, ON M4T 2P1. Les détails peuvent être faxés au (416) 979-1144 ou par poste-électronique à info@rpsc.org. Aucune information ne sera acceptée par téléphone. CECI EST UN SERVICE GRATUIT DE LA SRPC.

REGIONAL EVENTS / ÉVÉNEMENTS RÉGIONAUX

Aug. 21, 2004: Collingwood-Georgian Bay Coin & Stamp Club 30th Coin & Stamp Show on Saturday, August 21, 2004 in Collingwood, Ontario. It is at the Leisure Time Club, 100 Minnesota St., Coll'wood with ample free parking, Free Admission, Snack Bar on premises and welcome mat out for everyone. Horst A Bolik, Secretary, Collingwood-Georgian Bay Coin & Stamp Club - Chapter 168 RPSC.

Sept. 25, 2004: LAMPEX 2004 - The Stamp Showing and Bourse will be held at the Pt. Edward Optimist Community Hall, 210 Monk Street, Pt. Edward, Ontario on Saturday, September 25, 2004 from 9:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Contact: David Burwell at (519) 337-9104. Follow the signs.

October 3, 2004 (Sunday): The GRVPA (Grand River Valley Philatelic Association) and the GTAPA (Greater Toronto Area Philatelic Alliance) are joining forces for the 10th annual Grand Club Fair. Hosted by the Bramalea Stamp Club, this event will bring together the circuit books and members of 21 Southern Ontario stamp clubs. Location: Jim Archdekin Recreation Centre, 292 Conestoga Drive, Brampton, Ontario. Time: 10 AM to 4:30 PM. The Fair will feature participation by Canada Post, over 500 club circuit books, approximately 400 mini-auction lots, Youth Table with free stamps for kids and plenty of free parking. For directions or more details, contact: grandfair2004@yahoo.ca or telephone 905-792-3526.

October 15-17, 2004: FALL STAMPEX 04 at the Queen Elizabeth Building, Exhibition Place, Toronto, ON. Sponsored in partnership by the Canadian Stamp Dealers' Association and the Greater Toronto Area Philatelic Alliance. Exhibits, seminars, and a large dealer bourse with dealers from Canada and the United States. Free admission and free door prize draws for both kids and adults. Hours Friday 11 a.m. to 6 p.m., Saturday 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., and Sunday 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Further information please email: secretary@cstdaonline.com.

Oct. 16, 2004: BRUNPEX 2004, sponsored by The Fundy Stamp Collectors Club, will be held in the Ballroom at the Howard Johnson Brunswick Plaza Hotel, 1005 Main Street, Moncton, New Brunswick from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm. Free admission and parking. Dealer bourse, auction, show cachet and door prizes. For further information, please write to TPSCC, P.O. Box 302, Moncton, NB, E1C 8L4 or telephone Rob Allison, Chairman at (506) 855-1656.

April 2, 2005: KAPEX 2005. 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Peterborough Christian Fellowship Centre, 300 Milroy Drive, Peterborough, Ontario (northeast corner of Chemong Road and Milroy Drive, just north of the Portage Place Plaza). If there are any other questions, please call Mr. Rick Stankiewicz, (705) 295-6158 (KAPEX Coordinator) or stankiewiczr@nexus.net.

NATIONAL EXHIBITIONS / EXPOSITIONS NATIONALES

Sept. 3-5, 2004: BNAPEX 2004, the annual convention and exhibition of the British North America Philatelic Society, Hunt Club, Baltimore, Maryland, USA (with BALPEX). Members' exhibits; study group seminars; local tours; spousal activities, awards banquet; dealers' bourse etc. Contact: BNAPEX 2004, Joe Foley, Box 183, Riva, MD, USA 21140; jfoley4197@aol.com; (410) 974-6380 or see the Society's website: www.bnaps.org

Oct. 29-31, 2004: BAYPEX 2004 - Napier or Hastings, New Zealand.

May 27-29, 2005: ROYAL *2004* ROYALE: The Royal Philatelic Society of Canada's 77th Annual exhibition and convention will be held in London, ON. Further details yet to come. Dates and locations for upcoming years:

2006, Calgary, Alberta, September 29 - October 1

2007, Toronto, Ontario, October

2008, Québec City, Québec.

2009, St. Catharines, Ontario.

2010, Available/disponible.

2011, Montréal, Québec.

July 2005: New Zealand 2005 National Stamp Show - North Shore City, New Zealand.

Sept. 2-4, 2005: BNAPEX 2005, the annual convention and exhibition of the British North America Philatelic Society, Fantasyland Hotel, Edmonton, AB. Members' exhibits; study group seminars; local tours; spousal activities, awards banquet; dealers' bourse etc. Contact: BNAPEX 2005, David Piercy, c/o Edmonton Stamp Club, Box 399, Edmonton, AB T5J 2J6; david.piercy@epsb.ca; (780) 437-2771 or view the Society's website: www.bnaps.org

Nov. 2-5, 2006: KIWIPLEX 2006 - Christchurch, New Zealand.

INTERNATIONAL EXHIBITIONS / EXPOSITIONS INTERNATIONALES

April 21-24, 2005: Pacific Explorer 2005 World Stamp Expo, Sydney, Australia. Canadian Commissioner: Charles J.G. Verge, P.O. Box 2788, Station "D", Ottawa, ON K1P 5W8. Tel.: (613) 738-2770; Fax: (613) 738-7863; e-mail: verge@sympatico.ca. Deadline for entries is July 31, 2004.

May 27-June 3, 2006: Washington 2006. Canadian commissioners are: Canada (Ontario and East): Jan J. Danielski, 71 Gennela Square, Toronto, ON M1B 5M7. Home Phone: 416-283-2047. Email: jj.danielski@sympatico.ca Canada (Manitoba and West): John Powell, 5828 143rd St, Edmonton, AB T6H 4E8. Home Phone: 780-435-7006. Email: johnpowell@shaw.ca

STANLEY GIBBONS AUSTRALIA TO BE PACIFIC EXPLORER 2005 OFFICIAL AUCTIONEER

Malcolm Groom, President of the Pacific Explorer 2005 Organising Committee, announced today that Stanley Gibbons Australia is to be the official auctioneer for Pacific Explorer 2005. Mr Groom expressed the Organising Committee's pleasure at the continuing support

from a large auction house with offices in Sydney and Melbourne.

Stanley Gibbons was the official auctioneer for Australia 99 and achieved a record gross for an Australian stamp auction.

CHAPTER MEETINGS

AJAX PHILATELIC SOCIETY

RPSC Chapter 163 meets the 2nd and 4th Thurs, Sept. to June at the Ajax Public Library, 65 Harwood Ave. S., 6-9 p.m. Contact: Richard Weigand, 6 Carter Cr., Whitby, ON L1N 6C4. (905) 430-2637. E-mail: richard.weigand@sympatico.ca.

AMICALE DES PHILATÉLISTES DE L'OUTAOUAIS (APO)

Les membres de l'APO, chapitre 190 de la SRPC, se réunissent tous les jeudis de début septembre à fin avril, de 18h30 à 21h00. Les réunions ont lieu au Châlet Fontaine, 120 rue Charlevoix à Hull (Québec). Carte de membre 20 \$ (10\$ pour les moins de 16 ans). Vendeurs, encans, exposition.

Members of the APO (Chapter #190) meet every Thurs. from Sept. to the end of April, 6:30 to 9 p.m. in the Châlet Fontaine, 120 Charlevoix, Hull, Québec. Membership \$20 (\$10 under 16). Dealers, auctions, show and bourse. Contact: A. Bossard, 5-1160 Shillington, Ottawa, ON K1Z 7Z4; (613) 722-7279; e-mail: isabelle.alain@sympatico.ca

CLUB PHILATÉLIQUE "LES TIMBRÉS" DE BOISBRIAND

Section adulte: Tous les lundis soir de 19h. à 21h. Section junior: Tous les samedis de 9h. à 11h; au Centre socio-culturel de Boisbriand, 480 rue Chavigny, Boisbriand, QC, J7G 2J7; information: Louis-Georges Dumais (450) 979-7371; Jacques Charbonneau (450) 430-6460.

BARRIE DISTRICT STAMP CLUB

Chapter 73 meets the 2nd Wed. except July and Aug. at 7:30 pm at 101 Ardagh Road, Barrie, ON. Table auction at every meeting. Contact: Marjorie Coakwell, PO Box 2, Orrilia, ON L3V 6H9, (705) 323-9072.

BRAMALEA STAMP CLUB

RPSC Chapter 144 meets the 1st Sun. Oct. to June 2-4 p.m. and the 3rd Tues. year round 7:30-9:30 p.m. at Terry Miller Recreation Complex, Williams Parkway (between Dixie Rd. and Bramalea Rd.) Brampton, ON. Contact: Bramalea Stamp Club, Box 92531, Bramalea, ON L6W 4R1.

BRANTFORD STAMP CLUB

RPSC Chapter 1 meets on the 1st and 3rd Tues. Sept. to May, and the 1st Tues. in June, at the Woodman Community Centre, 491 Grey St. ON at 7 p.m., short business meeting at 8 p.m., followed by a program. Circuit books, five dealers. Contact: Secretary, Box 25003, 119 Colborne St. W., Brantford, ON N3T 6K5; (519) 753-9425

BRITISH COLUMBIA PHILATELIC SOCIETY

Meets every Wed., Sept. to June, at 7:30 p.m. in the Amenity Room, Grosvenor Building, 1040 W. Georgia St. Contact: B.C.P.S., 2955 West 38th Ave., Vancouver, BC V6N 2X2.

BROCK/PRESCOTT STAMP CLUB

Meets the 3rd Wed. Sept. to May at 7 p.m. at Wall Street United Church, 5 Wall St., Brockville, ON. Contact Roy Brooks at (613) 342-7569.

CALGARY PHILATELIC SOCIETY

(Chapter 66) Regular meeting: 1st Wed. except July and Aug., 7 p.m. Auctions on 3rd Wed. of month except Dec., 7:30 p.m. Kerby Centre, 1133 7 Ave. SW. Contact: Calgary Philatelic Society, PO Box 1478, Station M, Calgary, AB T2P 2L6.

CAMBRIDGE STAMP CLUB

Meets the 3rd Mon. Sept. to June at 7 p.m. Short meeting at 8 p.m. at Allen Bradley Cafeteria, Dundas Street, Cambridge, ON. Two dealers, club circuit. Contact: Charlie Hollett, (519) 740-6657, 3-10 Isherwood Ave., Cambridge, ON N1R 8L5.

CANADIAN AEROPHILATELIC SOCIETY

RPSC Chapter 187, yearly membership for Canadians \$20 Cdn. for Americans \$22 Cdn. and for all other countries \$25. No formal meetings, but members join the RA Stamp Club meetings at the RA Centre, 2451 Riverside Dr., Ottawa, ON at 7:30 p.m. every Mon. except June to Aug. Contact: Brian Wolfenden, 203A Woodfield Drive, Nepean ON K2G 4P2. (613) 226-2045.

CANADIAN ASSOCIATION FOR ISRAEL PHILATELY

Chapter 76, Jan Bart Judaica Study Group, meets on the 2nd Wed. except July and Aug., 7 p.m., at Lipa Green Bldg., 4600 Bathurst St., Willowdale, ON. Contact: Joseph Berkovits, 33-260 Adelaide St. E., Toronto, ON M5A 1N1. (416) 635-1749.

CANADIAN FORCES PHILATELIC SOCIETY

Meets the 1st and 3rd Wed. Sept. to May 8-9:30 p.m. Dempsey Community Centre, Ottawa, ON. Tom Barber (613) 736-9741.

CANADIAN FORCES BASE TRENTON STAMP CLUB

Chapter 89 meeting on the 1st and 3rd Wed. Sept. to June at the Trenton Seniors' Club (Club 105) at the corner of Bay and Campbell Streets at 6:45 p.m. Contact: G.A. Barsi at (613) 394-2024, M. Leedham at (613) 392-7462 or S. Taylor at (613) 393-4316.

COBOURG STAMP CLUB

Chapter 106 meets the 2nd and 4th Wed. of each month at 7 p.m. in the Salvation Army Citadel, 59 Ballantine St. Trading, speaking, competitions, presentations and annual exhibition and sale in Sept. Contact: Michael Hunt at (905) 885-7074 or e-mail dorahrh@eagle.ca.

COLBORNE STAMP CLUB

Chapter 205 meets on the 2nd and 4th Tues. Sept. to May at 7 p.m. in the Seniors' Drop-In, Vourneen "Buff" Jack Memorial Centre, 14 Victoria Square. Contact: Box 1073, Colborne, ON K0K 1S0.

COLLINGWOOD - GEORGIAN BAY COIN & STAMP CLUB

Chapter 168 meets on the 2nd Wednesday of the month at the Wasaga Beach Library, and on the 4th Tuesday of the month at the Collingwood Library. Meetings are from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

CREDIT VALLEY PHILATELIC SOCIETY - MISSISSAUGA

Chapter 67 of The RPSC meets on the 1st and 3rd Wed. at 7 p.m. in the Texaco Room of the Port Credit Branch of the Mississauga Library, located in the southwest corner of the public parking lot west of Stevesbank and north of Lakeshore Road. Contact Bob Laker (905) 608-9794.

DELTA STAMP CLUB

Club meetings on the 2nd and 4th Tues. Sept. to May at 7:30 p.m. at the Phoenix Club, 6062-16th Ave., Tsawwassen, BC. Contact Keith Meyer, President, #7-1100-56th St., Delta, BC V4L 2N2.

EAST TORONTO STAMP CLUB

Chapter 12 meets the 1st and 3rd Wed., except June to Aug., at Stan Wadlow Clubhouse, Cedarvale Ave. Contact: Sec. Raymond Reakes, 188 Woodmount Ave., Toronto, ON M4C 3Z4. (416) 425-1545.

EDMONTON STAMP CLUB

Edmonton's Chapter 6 meetings held every other Mon., Sept. to June at 7 p.m., at St. Joseph High School cafeteria (use north entrance), 10830-109 St. Contact: Box 399, Edmonton, AB, T5J 2J6. Keith Spencer (780) 437-1787 or e-mail ameech@telusplanet.net.

ESSEX COUNTY STAMP CLUB

Chapter 154 meets on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of the month (except no second meeting in July, August and December), at 7:00 p.m. at 5050 Howard Ave, Windsor, ON. Contact: David L. Newman, President, at 1165 Wigle Ave, Windsor, ON, N9C 3M9. Tel.: (519) 977-5967. E-mail: lacumo@cogeco.ca.

FENELON STAMP CLUB

The club meets on the second Monday of each month at 7:30 p.m. at Fenelon Falls Baptist Church on Colbourne Street in Fenelon Falls. For more information, contact President, Harry Pearson, at 54 Mason Lane, R.R. #1, Fenelon Falls, ON, K0M 1N0.

FRASER VALLEY PHILATELIC CLUB

Meets at 7 p.m. on the 3rd Monday, except holidays, at Abbotsford Senior Secondary School, 2329 Crescent Way. Contact N. Holden at (604) 859-9103.

FREDERICTON DISTRICT STAMP CLUB

Chapter 148 meets the 1st and 3rd Tues, Sept. to May at 7:30 p.m. at the Hugh John Fleming Forestry Centre, 1350 Regent St. Contact Ron Smith, 12 Chateau Dr., McLeod Hill, NB, E3A 5X2, (506) 453-1792, e-mail: rugbyron@nb.sympatico.ca

FUNDY STAMP COLLECTOR'S CLUB

Meets the 1st Thurs., except July and Aug., at 7 p.m. at the YMCA on Highfield St. Contact H.C. Terris at (506) 856-8513 or PO Box 302, Moncton, NB E1C 8L4.

GREATER VICTORIA PHILATELIC SOCIETY

Chapter 32 meets on the 3rd Fri. at 7:30 p.m. at the Windsor Park Pavilion in Oak Bay. Circuit books, auction and special programs prevail. Contact Don Dundee, 928 Claremont Ave., Victoria, BC V8Y 1K3, (604) 658-8458.

HAMILTON STAMP CLUB

Chapter 51 meets at 6 p.m. on the 2nd, 4th and 5th Mon., Sept. to June except holidays, and 2nd Mon. of July, at Bishop Ryan secondary school, Quigley Rd. and Albright St. Contact: Clare Maitland (Secretary), Box 60510, 673 Upper James St., Hamilton, ON, L9C 7N7; e-mail: stamps@hwcen.org or online at: www.hwcen.org/-ip029

INSURANCE AND BANKING PHILATELIC SOCIETY OF GREAT BRITAIN - CANADIAN BRANCH

Chapter 82 meets on the 3rd Thursday of the month (except July, August and December) at 5:30 p.m. Location: 320 Bay Street (southwest corner of Bay St and Adelaide St), 13th floor, Toronto, ON, M5H 4A6. These are the premises of Canaccord Capital Corporation. Contact: Don Peach, Secretary of the I&BPSGB/CB, 83 Nymark Avenue, Toronto, ON M2J 2H1.

KAWARTHA PHILATELIC SOCIETY

Chapter 58 meets on the 2nd and 4th Tues. except July and Aug., at 7 p.m. at Christ Lutheran Church, 463 Highland Rd. Peterborough, ON K9H 5J8. Contact: Box 2222, Peterborough, ON K9J 2T0.

KELOWNA & DISTRICT STAMP CLUB

Chapter 90 meets on the 1st Wed. Sept. to June at 7 p.m. at the Odd Fellows Hall, 2597 Richter St., Kelowna, BC. Contact: Box 1185, Kelowna, BC V1Y 7P8.

KENT COUNTY STAMP CLUB

Chapter 7 meets 4th Wed. except July, Aug. and Dec. in the library of John McGregor Secondary School, 300 Cecile, Chatham, ON, at 7:30 p.m. Contact: Secretary, Allan Burk, 43 Sudbury Dr., Chatham, ON N7L 2K1.

KINCARDINE STAMP CLUB

Chapter C-196 meets the 1st Wed. in the back of the Anglican Church on Russel St. at 7:30. Contact the club at Box 192, Kincardine, ON N2Z 2Y7 or call John Cortan at (519) 395-5819 or e-mail jcortan@hurontel.on.ca

KINGSTON STAMP CLUB

Meets 7-9 p.m. on the 2nd and 4th Mon. Sept. to May at the Ongwanada Resource Centre, 191 Portsmouth Ave. Free parking and wheelchair access. Consignment table, auctions, bourse, OXFAM, and trading. Contact President Bob Chadwick, 31 Abbey Dawn Drive, Bath, ON K0H 1G0. Tel: (613) 352-1052.

KITCHENER-WATERLOO PHILATELIC SOCIETY

Chapter 13 meets the 2nd Thurs. Sept. to June at Albert McCormick Arena, Parkside Dr., Waterloo. Contact: James Oliver, P.O. Box 43007, Eastwood Square PO, Kitchener, ON N2H 6S9, (519) 893-4092.

LAKEHEAD STAMP CLUB

Chapter 33 meets the 2nd Wed. and last Fri. Sept. to June at the Herb Carroll Centre, 1100 Lincoln St., Thunder Bay, ON at 7:30 p.m. Contact: Secretary D. Lein, 232 Dease St., Thunder Bay, ON P7C 2H8.

RÉUNIONS DES CLUBS MEMBRES

LAKESHORE STAMP CLUB – CLUB PHILATÉLIQUE DE LAKESHORE

Chapter 84 meets at St. John the Baptist Church, 233 Ste-Claire Street in Pointe-Claire, on the 2nd and 4th Thurs. Sept. to June at 7:30 p.m. Contact: Alain Benitah, President, PO Box 1, Pointe Claire/Dorval, QC, H9R 4N5. / Le chapitre 84, se réunit tous les jeudis du début septembre à fin juin, à 19h30. Les réunions ont lieu à l'Église St. John the Baptist, 233 rue Ste-Claire à Pointe-Claire. Information: Alain Benitah, Président, Case Postale 1, Pointe Claire/Dorval, QC, H9R 4N5.

LETHBRIDGE PHILATELIC SOCIETY

Chapter 57 meets on the 2nd Thur. at 7 p.m. except June to Aug. at the Canadian Western Natural Gas Co. building at 410 Stafford Dr. N., Lethbridge, AB T1H 2A9.

MEDICINE HAT COIN & STAMP CLUB

Chapter 146 meets the 2nd and 4th Tues. at 7:30 p.m. in the Dot Wilkinson Room (SW door) of Westminster United Church, 101 6th Street SE. Contact: Manfred Sievert, 18 Cochran Dr. NW, Medicine Hat, AB T1A 6Y7.

MIDDLESEX STAMP CLUB

Chapter 204 meets every other Fri. Sept. to May, at 7 p.m. in the basement of St. Martin's Church, 46 Cathcart St., London. Meeting at 8 p.m. Contact Patrick Delmore at (519) 675-0779.

MILTON STAMP CLUB

Chapter 180 meets on the last Mon., except Dec. at 7 p.m. at Hugh Foster Hall (beside Town Hall) in Milton, ON. Silent auction every meeting. Contact: Milton Stamp Club, 425 Valleyview Cres., Milton, ON L9T 3K9; (905) 878-1533 or (905) 878-9076, or e-mail: alman@globalserve.net.

MUSKOKA STAMP CLUB

Meets the 1st and 3rd Wed. at Senior Citizen Centennial Club, 54 Dominion St., Bracebridge, ON. (Except July, Aug., and Dec. - 1st Wed.) Contact Tom Anderson (President), 7 Sadler Dr., Bracebridge, ON P1L 1K4, (705) 645-3330.

NELSON STAMP CLUB

Meets on the 3rd Thurs. except Dec. at 7 p.m. at #105-402 W. Beasley, Nelson, BC V1L 5Y4.

NORTH BAY & DISTRICT STAMP CLUB

Chapter 44 meets on the 2nd and 4th Wed. Sept. to May, at the Empire Living Centre, 425 Fraser St., North Bay, ON at 7 p.m. Contact: John Fretwell, R.R. 1, Callandar, ON P0H 1H0, (705) 752-1364.

NORTH TORONTO STAMP CLUB

Chapter 5 meets on the 2nd and 4th Thursday of the month from January to June and from September to November. Meetings are held at Yorkminster Park Baptist Church, 1585 Yonge Street, one block north of St. Clair Avenue. Stamp sales circuit opens at 6:30 p.m. and meetings start at 8:00 p.m. Contact Herb Letsche, tel: (416) 445-7720, fax: (416) 444-1273, or e-mail: ntstampclub@yahoo.ca.

NORTH YORK PHILATELIC SOCIETY

Chapter 21 meets on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of each month from September to the 1st Wednesday in June, and on the 3rd Wednesday of July and August. Meetings are held from 6:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. in the Skaters' Lounge at the Carnegie Centennial Arena, 580 Finch Avenue West (1 1/2 blocks west of Bathurst), Toronto, Ontario. Meetings feature a convivial atmosphere, speakers, auctions, a sales circuit, and a number of dealer members. Membership is only \$10 per year. Ample parking is free. For more information, contact Art Halpert, tel. 416-643-2020 (days), 416-499-4406 (evenings/weekends), e-mail ahalpert@sympatico.ca

NOVA SCOTIA STAMP CLUB

RPSC Chapter #50, est. 1922, meets the 2nd Thurs. Sept. to June at the Nova Scotia Museum. Contact: E. Sodero, 831 Tower Rd., Halifax, NS B3H 2Y1.

OAKVILLE STAMP CLUB

Chapter 135 meets the 2nd and 4th Tues. at 7 p.m. in the cafeteria, St. Thomas Aquinas Secondary School, 124 Margaret Dr. Contact: Oakville Stamp Club, Box 69643, Oakville, ON L6J 7R4.

OTTAWA PHILATELIC SOCIETY

Chapter 16 meets every Thursday at 7:30p.m., September to June at the Hintonburg Community Centre, 1064 Wellington Street, Ottawa, Ontario. Contact: Richard Logan, President, 213 Beech Street, Ottawa, Ontario, K1Y 3T3 or dicklogan@rogers.com

OWEN SOUND STAMP CLUB

Chapter 191 meets the 3rd Wed. at 7 p.m. at St. George's Anglican Church, 149 4th Ave. E. Trading, auctions, circuit books. Contact Robert J. Ford, 721 8th Ave. E., Owen Sound, ON N4K 3A4.

OXFORD PHILATELIC SOCIETY

Chapter 65 meets 1st and 3rd Thurs. Sept. to May, at Knights of Columbus Hall, behind St. Rita's Catholic Church (Dundas St. E.) Woodstock, ON. Trading and junior program at 7 p.m., regular meeting at 7:30 p.m. Speakers, mini auctions, prizes, contests, dealers. Contact: Gib Stephens, P.O. Box 20113, Woodstock, ON N4S 8X8.

PENTICTON AND DISTRICT STAMP CLUB

Chapter 127 meets the 1st Sunday of each month, from Sept. to May, from 2-4 p.m. at the Pentiction Library Auditorium, 785 Main St. Contact: Dorothy Karslake (Secretary), 203-22 Abbott Street, Pentiction, BC V2A 4J2.

PERTH STAMP CLUB

Meets the 2nd and 4th Wed. Sept. to June, 7:30 p.m. in McMartin House, Gore Street. Contact Gus Quattrocchi (A.J.), 69 Harvey St., Perth, ON K7H 1X1.

R.A. STAMP CLUB – OTTAWA

Chapter 41 meets every Mon., except June to Aug. at 7:30 p.m. at the R.A. Centre, 2451 Riverside Dr., Ottawa, ON K1H 7X7. Contact: (613) 733-5100.

REGINA PHILATELIC CLUB

Chapter 10 meets the 1st and 3rd Wed., Sept. to May, 7-10 p.m. at Sheldon-Williams Collegiate Library, 2601 Coronation St., Contact: Box 1891, Regina, SK S4P 3E1.

ROYAL CITY STAMP CLUB

Chapter 104 meets on the 2nd Thurs. except July and Aug., 7 p.m. at the New Westminster Public Library, 716-6th Ave., New Westminster, BC. Contact: Box 145, Milner, BC V0X 1T0. (604) 534-1884.

SAINT JOHN STAMP CLUB

Meets the 4th Wed. except July and Aug., 7 p.m. at the Saint John High School, Canterbury Street, Saint John, NB. Contact: James Young, Sec.-Treas., 2278 Rothesay Rd., Rothesay, NB E2H 2K5.

ST. CATHARINES STAMP CLUB

Meets on the 1st and 3rd Tues. Sept. to June at Holy Cross secondary, St. Catharines, ON. Contact: Stuart Keeley, 15 Baxter Cres., Thorold, ON L2V 4S1, (905) 227-9251, stuart.keeley@sympatico.ca

ST. JOHN'S PHILATELIC SOCIETY

Meets 2nd and 4th Wed., except July and Aug. at 8 p.m. at Marine Institute. Contact: J. Don Wilson, 11 Elm Place, St. John's, NF A1B 2S4, (709) 726-2741.

SARNIA STAMP CLUB

Chapter 45 meets on the 4th Sunday of the month, September through June, with the exception of December which is held on the 2nd. Sunday. Meetings are held at the Kinsmen Club of Sarnia at 656 Lakeshore Road in Sarnia, Ontario, from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Activities include circuit books, silent auction, and dealers. Contact: Doug Fox at 1210 Petrolia Line, RR1 Corunna, ON, N0N 1G0. Telephone: (519) 862-1903.

SASKATOON STAMP CLUB

Chapter 80 meets the 2nd and 4th Mon. Sept. to May, 7-9 p.m. at the Saskatoon Public Library - Rusty McDonald Branch, 225 Primrose Dr., Saskatoon, SK S7K 5E4. Contact: secretary: Doug Smith, (306) 975 7600; e-mail: douglasmichaelsmith@shaw.ca.

SCARBOROUGH STAMP CLUB

Chapter 223 meets the 1st and 3rd Tues. Sept. to June at 7 p.m. at Cedarbrook Community Centre, Contact Peter Butler, 143 Glenmore Rd., Toronto, ON M4L 3M2.

SIDNEY STAMP CLUB (SIDNEY, BC)

The Sidney Stamp Club meets the 2nd Sat. except July and Aug., at the Sidney Regional Library, Nell Horth Room, at 2 p.m. Sales circuit, presentations, and auctions. Contact: (250) 479-6513.

LA SOCIÉTÉ PHILATÉLIQUE DE QUÉBEC

La S.P.Q. tient ses réunions régulières les premiers et troisièmes mercredis du mois au sous-sol de l'église St-Rodrigue, 4760 1ère avenue, porte no 10, Charlesbourg. Les réunions ont lieu de 19h à 22h. Information, écrire à: S.P.Q., C.P. 2023, Québec, QC G1K 7M9

LA SOCIÉTÉ PHILATÉLIQUE DE LA RIVE SUD

Société membre No. 19. Réunions régulières tenus le 2e et 4e lundis débutant en septembre pour se terminer le 2e lundi de juin. De 19h30 à 21h00. Centre culturel, 100 ouest, rue St-Laurent, Longueuil, QC. Secrétaire Bernard Dansereau.

SAUGEEN STAMP CLUB

Meets on the 1st Tues. at the Hanover Library Complex, 451 10th Ave., Hanover, ON. Contact: PO Box 11, Clifford ON, N0G 1M0. E-mail pkritz@log.on.ca. Club President Peter Kriz, RR3, Hanover, ON N4N 3B9, (519) 364-4752, Club Secretary Jim Measures, PO Box 11, Clifford, ON N0G 1M0, (519) 327-8265

STRATFORD STAMP CLUB

Chapter 92 The Stratford Stamp Club meets on the 4th Thursday from September to June (except December when it meets on the 3rd Thursday), 7pm at the Stratford Kiwanis Community Centre, 111 Lakeside Drive, Stratford, Ontario. There is something of interest for all ages from beginner to the advance collector. Visitors are always welcome. For information please send inquiries to the following address: Stratford Stamp Club, Suite 273, 356 Ontario Street, Stratford, ON N5A 7X6

SUDBURY STAMP CLUB

Chapter 85 meets on the 2nd Tuesday of the month, September through June at 7:00 p.m. Meetings are held at the Delki Dozzi Playground Fieldhouse. Slides, presentations, auction. Contact: Edward O'Callaghan at P.O. Box 2211, Station A, Sudbury, Ontario, P3A 4S1.

THE PHILATELIC CLUB OF MONTRÉAL

Chapter 122 meets on the 3rd Thurs. at 7:30 p.m. at Le Manoir, 5319 Notre Dame de Grace. Contact: Lloyd Slaven, 1079 Emerson Cres., Chomedey, QC, H7W 1H6; e-mail: lslaven@macten.net.

TORONTO HARMONIE STAMP CLUB

Chapter 94 meets on the first Monday of the month, except July and August, at 7:30 p.m. in a member's house. New members or visitors are always welcome. For further information, call Joachim (Jake) Doehler at 416-438-4862.

TRURO PHILATELIC SOCIETY

Meets the 2nd Thurs. Sept. to June at 7:30 p.m. at the Sobey's community room, Prince St., for a general meeting followed by a program and auction. Fourth Thurs is trading night.

UNION DES PHILATÉLISTES DE MONTRÉAL

Le chapitre no. 3 de la Société se réunit à 19 h 00 tous les 2es et 4es mardis de septembre à juin au 7110, 8e avenue, Montréal, QC, H2A 3C4. Visiteurs bienvenus. / Chapter 3 meets at 7:00 p.m. on the 2nd and 4th Tues. from September to June at 7110 8th Avenue, Montreal, QC, H2A 3C4. Visitors welcome.

VANCOUVER ISLAND PHILATELIC SOCIETY

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AMERICAN PHILATELIC CENTER OPENS

On Saturday, June 26, 2004, the nation's largest stamp-collector society and its library celebrated the grand opening and dedication of their new headquarters, the American Philatelic Center, in Bellefonte, Pennsylvania. The event represents a major milestone for American philately and the region.

The American Philatelic Society and American Philatelic Research Library occupy about 30,000 square feet of renovated space in a century-old building that once was a factory for making matches. The structure, listed on the National Register of Historic Places, is located at 100 Match Factory Place - near the intersection of Route 220 and Route 150. The Library purchased the facility in 2002. Renovations began in 2003.

Grand opening events for the American Philatelic Center included tours, entertainment, and children's activities with music, ribbon-cutting and dedication ceremonies. As part of the dedication, Kathleen Pavelko, Commissioner, Pennsylvania Historical & Museum Commission, presented an historic marker recognizing the match factory's role in the specialty lumber industry of Pennsylvania.

The Bellefonte Post Office operated a one-day event postal station on site providing souvenir postal cancellations. Other collectible souvenirs, family activities, and information about stamp collecting also will be available.

In addition, special exhibits from the APS' extensive collections of

stamp-related memorabilia were on display, along with a mixed-media art exhibition, "Wish You Were Here," featuring the work of Rob Fisher, Pat Little, Mike Newcomer, Susan Parsonage, Jeanne Stevens-Sollman, Philip Sollman, and other Pennsylvania artists.

Historic Bellefonte Railroad offered sightseeing train rides from the nearby train station to local points of interest.

The APS, founded in 1886, is the national stamp collecting organization for the United States, with nearly 50,000 members in 110 countries worldwide. The APRL, founded in 1968, is the largest public stamp library in the U.S. The two organizations previously had shared a headquarters in State College, Pennsylvania.

BEST JOINT STAMP ISSUE 2003 AWARDED TO FRANCE AND INDIA

On behalf of the International Philatelic Society of Joint Stamp Issues Collectors (IPS-JSIC), I am glad to inform you that our members have chosen the France - India Birds stamps from November 29, 2003 as the Best Joint Issue 2003.

The second position was awarded to the Waterbirds stamps issued on October 4, 2003 by the postal administrations of Hong Kong, China and Sweden.

The third position was obtained by China and Hungary

with the Book twin stamps issued on September 30, 2003.

The selection was made among 28 joint pairs issued during the year 2003 involving 59 countries (actually only 43 different countries) and representing in total 147 stamps and 17 souvenir sheets. Details can be found on the Society web page listed below.

Congratulations to all postal administrations and to their designers for the high quality of the stamps that have been produced during the year 2003.



With my best regards,
Dr Richard Zimmermann
IPS-JSIC President

<http://perso.club-internet.fr/rzimmerm/index.htm>

CONSUMER PRICE INDEX TRIGGERS ONE-CENT STAMP INCREASE IN 2005

Ottawa - Canada Post Corporation announced June 26th in the Canada Gazette a one-cent increase (2.04%) in the domestic basic letter rate as well as its proposed increases for USA and International letter rates, all for implementation on January 17, 2005.

Under the price-cap formula approved by the federal government in 1998, basic letter rate increases, when warranted, will not exceed 66.67 percent of inflation as measured by the Consumer Price Index from May prior to the last increase to May of the current year. Increases will be implemented no more than once a year, in January, and announced six months in advance in the Canada Gazette Part I.

The Consumer Price Index from May 2003 to May 2004 shows an increase of 2.5%. Under the price-cap formula, 66.67% of the CPI increase plus the unused portion related to the January 2004 increase, permits a one-cent increase in the basic letter rate. Even at the new rate of 50 cents, Canadians will still enjoy one of the lowest domestic basic letter rates among industrialized nations.

Canada Post announced in the Canada Gazette Part I the following proposed rate adjustments that will come into effect January 17, 2005. \$0.05 increase to \$0.85 for letters, cards and postcards up to 30g destined for the USA; \$0.05 increase to \$1.45 for letters, cards and postcards up to 30g to foreign destinations.

Canada Post's proposed rates for a 30-gram letter to the USA and other International destinations compare favourably to the basic rates other countries charge to send mail to Canada. It costs \$2.63 from Great Britain, \$2.57 from Germany and \$1.59 from Australia to send a 30-gram letter to Canada. The cost to mail a 30-gram letter from the USA to Canada is \$1.17.

Canada Post is facing inflationary pressure from a number of sources and the proposed price adjustments take into consideration increased operating costs. One source of cost increases is terminal dues, a pricing mechanism that allows

AUGMENTATION DE 1¢ DU TARIF POSTAL EN 2005

Ottawa - La Société canadienne des postes a annoncé, dans la Gazette du Canada, une augmentation d'un cent du tarif des lettres du régime intérieur (2,04 p. 100) ainsi que son intention de hausser les tarifs des lettres destinées aux États-Unis et du régime international. Toutes les augmentations seront appliquées le 17 janvier 2005.

En vertu de la formule de plafonnement des tarifs approuvée par le gouvernement fédéral en 1998, les hausses justifiées des tarifs de base des lettres ne doivent pas dépasser 66,67 p. 100 du taux d'inflation calculé en fonction de l'Indice des prix à la consommation (IPC), du mois de mai précédant la dernière majoration au mois de mai de la présente année.

Postes Canada ne peut appliquer des augmentations qu'une fois l'an, en janvier, et doit les annoncer six mois à l'avance dans la Partie 1 de la Gazette du Canada.

De mai 2003 à mai 2004, l'Indice des prix à la consommation a enregistré une hausse de 2,5 p. 100. En vertu de la formule de plafonnement des tarifs, l'addition de 66,67 p. 100 de cette hausse de l'IPC et de la partie inutilisée de l'augmentation de janvier 2004 permet à Postes Canada d'augmenter d'un cent le tarif de base des lettres. Le nouveau tarif de 0,50 \$ offert aux Canadiennes et aux Canadiens demeure l'un des plus bas tarifs de base des lettres du régime intérieur dans les pays industrialisés. Postes Canada a annoncé dans la Partie 1 de la Gazette du Canada les majorations tarifaires suivantes qui entreront en vigueur le 17 janvier 2005 : une hausse de 0,05 \$ qui portera à 0,85 \$ le tarif des lettres, des cartes et des cartes postales de 30 g ou moins destinées aux États-Unis; une hausse de 0,05 \$ qui portera à 1,45 \$ le tarif des lettres, des cartes et des cartes postales de 30 g à destination de l'étranger. Les tarifs proposés par Postes Canada pour envoyer une lettre de 30 g aux États-Unis et à d'autres destinations internationales se comparent favorablement aux tarifs de base qu'exigent d'autres pays pour expédier du courrier au Canada. En Grande-Bretagne, il coûte 2,63 \$ pour envoyer une lettre de 30 g au Canada. Ce tarif est de 2,57 \$ depuis l'Allemagne, de 1,59 \$ depuis l'Australie et de 1,17 \$ depuis les États-Unis. Postes Canada doit faire face aux pressions inflationnistes provenant de différentes sources, et les rajustements tarifaires proposés tiennent compte de l'augmentation des coûts d'exploitation. La majoration est en partie attribuable aux frais terminaux,

the postal administration receiving mail for delivery to collect for the cost of delivery from the postal administration sending the mail (in this case Canada Post). Terminal dues to the United States are expected to increase by 5 percent while those for other destinations rise by approximately 4.7 per cent by 2005.

Detailed information on these and other proposed rate changes is available in the Canada Gazette Part 1. Canadians have 60 days in which to make representations to the Minister Responsible for Canada Post regarding the proposed rate increases.

un mécanisme de tarification permettant aux administrations postales destinataires de récupérer les coûts liés à cette livraison auprès de l'administration postale expéditrice (en l'occurrence, Postes Canada). D'ici 2005, ces frais devraient augmenter de 5 p. 100 pour les envois aux États-Unis et d'environ 4,7 p. 100 pour les envois vers les autres destinations. La Partie 1 de la Gazette du Canada fournit de l'information détaillée au sujet de ces changements et d'autres modifications tarifaires proposées.

Les Canadiennes et les Canadiens disposent de 60 jours pour présenter des observations sur les augmentations proposées au Ministre responsable de la Société canadienne des postes.

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LETTERS / LETTRES

Dear Editor,

There are two letters in *The Canadian Philatelist* just received that I can give the answer to. Bruce Holmes asked if the method used to print the Victorian 1897 Jubilees was the same as that for the De La Rue Keyplates. It was the exact opposite. Keyplates were printed by the typographical (or letterpress) method where the design is raised on the plate and ink applied thereto. All Canadian stamps until the present reign were printed by the recess, intaglio (the correct term) or line engraved method. Nothing like having a multiplicity of names for the same method. Here the design is cut into

the plate, ink forced into the grooves and the surface of the plate wiped clean before printing so that only the ink in the grooves remains.

A second letter from the same gentleman asks if Small Queen bisects exist without the value showing. The answer is yes. If Mr. Holmes can get hold of a Maresch Simpson Sale catalogue of 19 March 1996, he will see illustrated a Ruggles correspondence bisected 6c, lot 206 which is bisected as usually with that correspondence diagonally, but in that case it is the top half that is used.

There must have been an equal number showing the value as those that did not since the covers show



various hands and are not all from the same Nova Scotia town. Since Mr. Ruggles of Bridgetown was a lawyer it seems he was likely sending these envelopes out to clients as 'reply paid'. Perhaps he had over invested in 6c in anticipation of business from across the pond!

Regards
John Hillson

Dear Editor,

Just a note to inform you I received *The Canadian Philatelist* today and to thank you for the way you handled my article on ORAPEX 2004. The inclusion of the photos and our overprints made the article very, very readable. Keep up the excellent work.

Sincerely,
Doug Lingard

Dear Editor,

Two illustrations in your excellent article "A New Policy for Austria Post" show Bösendorfer pianos. Some of your non-musical readers may not be aware that these well-known pianos are made in Austria. As the Director of the Philatelic Dept of Austria Post says, "'Austria' is part of my new selling strategy." A tasteful commercial is evidently part of it too.

Michael Shenstone, C.M.

Dear Editor,

I am one of the members of The Royal Philatelic Society of Canada and I need help on a set of stamps issued by Papua, New Guinea for the anniversary of the Coronation of EIIIR.

This set has not been offered for sale by anyone in the philatelic trade in Canada, UK, or USA!

The question I want to ask is: Have you been offered any? Did you receive yours from the philatelic bureau in Port Moresby?

Neither Scott nor Gibbons have listed the two souvenir sheets in question as new issues according to my information and I get Gibbons Stamp Monthly by a subscription. The new issue section I read as a habit over the years.

I don't know what the idea was but Papua New Guinea sent me 10 mint & 10 used of the souvenir

sheets and when I reordered I was sent a 2nd set also supposedly for the same commemoration but no souvenir sheets which I did not order. And that is all the information about the two souvenir sheets I have on hand!

Can you help me with further information? A wholesaler, Mr. John Lister, said he had a similar experience as I asked being one of his customers over the years!

Is the set of souvenir sheets postally valid in Papua New Guinea? Has anybody seen them on mail?

Thank you for your immediate attention! What is the market price for the two sheets?

Yours faithfully
L.K. Stoddart

(Perhaps some of our members have answers to Mr. Stoddart's queries.) *ed.*

Dear Editor,

In response to your comment on page 252 (One Last Word) in the July-August edition of *The Canadian Philatelist* here is a query for all to respond: As we are a philatelic society why don't we use commemorative postage stamps on the envelopes carrying issues of *The Canadian Philatelist*? I am aware that it is more convenient and easier to use a meter mark, but it would be ever so nice to see it arrive with one or two of the colourful Canadian commemorative stamps. Admittedly one has to consider the differing postal rates, and because of this the use of a meter is the quickest and most convenient option to cope with the rate changes. Meter, and other pre-printed, marks give the impression of officialdom and neither does it encourage the collecting of Canadian stamps nor relay the pleasure that our hobby brings to each of our members. It will be interesting to see if any other members have similar thoughts and will respond accordingly.

**Kind regards,
Ken Lewis**

Dear Editor,

My Canada Day reading included the July / August issue of *The Canadian Philatelist*! I spotted the letter to you from Bruce Holmes, who after reading my article on Gold Coast stamp varieties (printed by typography in two steps) raised questions about printing methods and varieties on a five cent Canada Jubilee (printed by line engraving in one step).

Production of plates and the Gold Coast Key Plate and Canada Jubilee stamps was dissimilar in many ways. Mechanics of damage that may occur with the different types of plates in stamp printing is described in a number of references. I can recommend Boggs' (*Foundations of Philately*) and Williams' (*Fundamentals of Philately*); they also clearly explain how plates are produced for stamp production.

I am pleased that my article prompted this question – unfortunately, I cannot offer a specific answer to explain damage on the Jubilee. Perhaps someone will craft an article to help our readers with printing techniques...

**Best wishes,
Peter Newroth**

To the Editor:

Postage stamps are not mere proof of purchase for transport of letters and packages. In a very lasting sense these colorful little pieces of paper are a reflection of a country's history, priorities, heritage, and love. Experts say they are marvellous teaching tools and I agree; a good deal of my interest in history, geography, and science was the direct result of a stamp collection handed down by my parents. My interest in the field endures to this day,

The United States will be issuing a postage stamp in honor of President Reagan. Having the experience of the Irish philatelic system I contacted the Philatelic Bureau of AN POST by e-mail on Friday, June 11 to formally propose the issuance of an Irish stamp honoring President Ronald Reagan. Four minutes later Dublin acknowledged my proposal referring it to the committee which decides philatelic subjects. Later that day I began communicating with members of the Oireachtas on the matter.

Several years ago while on the way to an All-Ireland Hurling match I made a slight detour to Ballyporeen, County Tipperary, the home of President Reagan's not too distant ancestors. Thus in scores of trips to and from Dublin I would recall the Reagan connection. I would also recall the famous Shamrock Summit in Quebec where the President formed a close bond with the Canadian Prime Minister, M. Brian Mulroney, another descendant of Irish immigrants.

I've only been to two presidential "homes" - FDR's Hyde Park and Ronald Reagan's Ballyporeen.

Ireland has had many beautiful stamps with American and Irish American subjects, and it would be most fitting that a Reagan stamp be issued not only in recognition of heritage and spirit but his immense contributions to the safety and security of the world. A joint issue with the United States might also be possible but I will leave that up to the experts.

And expert they are; witness the lovely stamp issued in 2003 honoring Commodore John Barry, a project which began with a letter sent on behalf of the Commodore Barry Club of Brooklyn. Hopefully, my letter will bear similar fruit.

Anticipating the First Day covers and postmarks on the First Day of Issue, I know those at the Ballyporeen post office will handle it very well.

Dennis C. McMahon, Esq.

The Royal Celebrates Youth Philately

Since 1992, The Royal Philatelic Society of Canada (RPSC) has been naming a Young Philatelist of the Year. The recipient receives the Mitchener Medal, named for Governor General Roland Mitchener, and the Manfred Walther Award which is accompanied by a cheque for \$100.

The Walther Award is in memory of a member of Toronto's Harmonie Stamp Club. Manfred Walther was instrumental in the growth of philatelic exhibitions and one of Toronto's pioneers in youth philately. The Harmonie Stamp Club puts up the \$100 for the award.

RPSC president Charles J.G. Verge calls the award "an opportunity to celebrate exceptional young philatelists and to encourage young people to pursue the hobby."

Two recent winners of the Young Philatelist of the Year Award were Kelly Liusz (2002) and Kristen Ollies (2003).

Kelly Liusz, a native of St. Albert, Alberta, is now in university, but she has been an active stamp collector since she was a small child. For

10 years, she entered exhibits in the Edmonton National Stamp Show, at other shows, and in at least one international show.

Ms. Liusz's Christmas in Canada exhibit has received rave reviews and several times has been to the AAPE Youth Championships representing a Canadian national show. It was on show in New Zealand in 2003 and in Australia in 1998.

Kristen Ollies made headlines in October 2002 when she met Queen Elizabeth II and Prince Philip at the one-day Festival of Ontario during the Queen's Golden Jubilee visit to Canada.

Kristen's exhibit, Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, was described by fair officials as the highlight.

Ms. Ollies of Milverton, Ontario, is a 14-year-old Grade Nine student at Northwestern High School in Strafford, Ontario. She started collecting stamps when she was in grade three. Her exhibit on Her Majesty has won many awards.

Both young ladies are deserving representatives of the Young Philat-

elist of the Year Award. Michael Madesker, President of the FIPs Commission for Youth Philately, cites "their accomplishments" as the best among youth in this country right now.

Mr. Madesker said Canadian youth regularly "participate in international exhibitions maintaining a place somewhere just below the middle of the centre." He sees some "outstanding young collectors," and he looks for them to improve by exhibiting "outstanding material."

In Canada, he says, the "youth movement in philately is best developed in Alberta, Ontario, and Quebec."

President Verge is happy with the selection of the recent winners, and he hopes their efforts 'will have an impact on advancing stamp collecting among youth across the country, not only in a few provinces."

Information on The RPSC is available by e-mail at info@rpsc.org, by visiting the Society's website at www.rpsc.org, or by calling 416-979-8874. ♣

Young Canadian Philatelist of the Year Award Winners

1992 **Guillaume Vadeboncoeur**
Gloucester, Ontario

1993 **Jean-François Hardy**
Cap-Rouge, Quebec

1994 **Charlotte Verge**
Ottawa, Ontario

1995 **Julian Cleary**
St. Bruno, Quebec

1996 **Cindy-Ann Attrell**
St. Albert, Alberta

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Montreal, Quebec

2002 **Kelly Luisz**
St. Albert, Alberta

2003 **Kristen Ollies**
Milverton, Ontario

WASHINGTON 2006

Washington 2006, the international philatelic exhibition scheduled for May 27-June 3, 2006 in Washington, DC, is pleased to announce that its Bulletin has been published.

Alan Warren, Chairman of the Publications Committee, was the editor and brought together material from more than 25 other volunteer officers, chairs and committee members. It was designed by Dick Sheaff of Scottsdale, AZ, W2006 Graphics and Printing Committee Chairman.

The booklet contains details about many aspects of the show of special interest to philatelists, dealers, exhibitors and the general public.

The listing of commissioners from around the world appears for the first time in the Bulletin. Over 60 national philatelic associations have selected their representatives to W2006.

Potential exhibitors to Washington 2006 must contact their appropriate commissioner for an application form and Bulletin. These will be mailed to all commissioners in June directly from the printers. Contact information

for commissioners from around the world is also available on the W2006 web site. Additional details will continually be posted on the web site as they become known.

Translations of the GREX (General Regulations for Exhibitions) as prescribed by the FIP are available in French, German and Spanish through links on the W2006 web site, along with the SREV, GREV, and Special Rules. The show-specific IREX is also available in multiple languages on the web.

Show hours have been released. 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. daily except Saturday, May 27th (Opening Day) and Friday, June 2nd.

Opening Day:

10:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Opening Ceremony:

10:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.

Friday: 10:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

(to accommodate the Palmares Banquet)

Admission is free throughout the 8-day event.

Copies of the Bulletin will automatically be mailed to Washington 2006 members, sponsors, dealers and registered members of the philatelic press in June.

Headquarters will be the Renaissance Washington DC Hotel, part of the Marriott chain, just a short block from the DC Convention Center, across Mt. Vernon Square. The hotel has an entrance on the square and features 807 rooms with five-star amenities. Rooms at six additional area hotels have been reserved, with more to be named in the near future.

Special hotel rates are available only through the Washington 2006 Hotel Reservation Bureau, accessed through the Washington 2006 website.

Member Update 6 has also been released to coincide with the Bulletin. It features articles about current membership and bourse totals, society promotional exhibits, frame donations by The Royal Philatelic Society of Canada, and youth activities.

The Bulletin and Member Update 6 are downloadable in PDF format on the Washington 2006 web site at www.washington-2006.org along with full details about the exhibition. Mail may be addressed to Washington 2006, PO Box 2006, Ashburn, VA 20146-2006. 🍁

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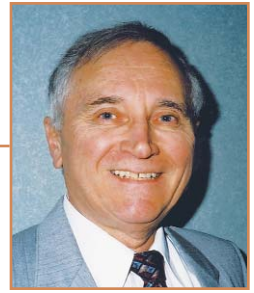
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ONE last word

by / par Tony Shaman



RPSC News
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UN dernier mot

There is a great photo in my office of one of my favourite squared circle strikes on a 3-cent 1897 Diamond Jubilee stamp. The photo is about six times the size of the actual stamp. Whenever I sit down at my desk I smile inwardly because it reminds me of sweater weather.

Although I love the heat of summer and everything that goes with it – cottage life, swimming in the lake, cycling, hiking in the nearby woods, and long walks on the beach – these are fleeting diversions to pass the time until sweater weather returns and it is time to reach for the tongs and albums.

And the picture in my office depicting a crisp, clear Pipestone strike – one of only two reported on this particular stamp and the reason for its selection as a wall hanging – is a pleasant reminder of the returning philatelic events when the air turns crisp and the leaves turn into varied hues of red, yellow, and brown.

The autumn line-up of stamp shows (fortunately I live in a part of Canada where I can attend a fall show practically every week end) starts the collecting adrenalin pumping. Sweater weather also signals October Stamp Month and the start of the season for local stamp club meetings, of which there are more than a dozen each month within an hour's drive of my home.

If you do not live in a part of the country where you can attend a stamp show or a club meeting every week, I invite you to take a quick glance through this issue. It contains a selection of articles and other relevant philatelic information that touches on various aspects of our hobby.

Canada's 1898 Map stamp, arguably one of the most studied and written-about stamps for any number of good reasons, the world's first "Christmas" stamp, the complexity of its production, Canada's first multi-coloured stamp, its inordinate number of re-entries, and so on, is revisited by Ken Kershaw, who wrote about the stamp with co-author Roger Boisclair a year ago in the Sep-

J'ai une photo fantastique dans mon bureau; celle d'une de mes oblitérations en cercle-carré préférées apposée sur un timbre de trois cents, de 1897, du jubilé de diamants. La taille de cette photo est d'environ six fois celle du timbre qu'elle représente. Assis à mon bureau, je souris intérieurement, car elle me rappelle le temps frisque, le temps de sortir nos petites laines.

Bien que j'aime la chaleur de l'été et tout ce qui l'accompagne - la vie au chalet, la natation dans le lac, le cyclisme, les randonnées en forêt et les longues promenades sur la plage - ce ne sont là que des distractions passagères qui m'occupent en attendant la saison des petites laines, des pincettes et des albums de timbres.

Ma photo avec son oblitération de Pipestone, claire et nette - qu'on ne trouve que sur deux timbres, raison pour laquelle j'ai décidé de l'accrocher dans mon bureau - me rappelle agréablement que l'arrivée de l'air frais, vivifiant et la transformation du feuillage qui prend des tons de jaune, de rouge ou de brun signifient le retour des activités philatéliques.

La série d'expositions d'automne - par bonheur, j'habite dans une région du Canada où je peux en visiter une chaque fin de semaine - réveille des poussées d'adrénaline philatélique. La saison des petites laines marque aussi l'arrivée du Mois de la philatélie et le début des réunions des clubs locaux. Il y en a plus d'une douzaine tous les mois, à moins d'une heure de chez moi.

Si vous ne vivez pas dans une partie du Canada où vous pouvez assister à une exposition ou à des réunions chaque semaine, je vous invite à jeter un coup d'œil rapide au présent numéro du *Philatéliste*. Vous y trouverez un choix d'articles et de l'information touchant de nombreux aspects de notre passe-temps.

Le timbre de Noël canadien de 1898, possiblement celui qu'on a le plus étudié et à propos duquel on a le plus écrit, et ce, pour toutes sortes de bonnes raisons : premier timbre de Noël émis au monde, complexité de sa production, premier timbre polychrome au Canada, nombre incroyable de ré-émissions et j'en passe, est revu par Ken Kershaw qui, avec un co-auteur, Roger Boisclair, en a parlé il y a un an dans notre édition de

tember-October 2003 issue. Readers will also recall the Map stamp article in the July-August 2004 issue by Dick Lamb, who looked at this fascinating stamp from a different perspective.

Although Christmas is some months away, to get a head start on the upcoming Christmas issue which will feature several timely pieces, we have included an article in this issue by Richard Logan about the life, and the stamps, of Bohemia's King Wenceslas, of "Good King Wenceslas" carol fame. We welcome Mr. Logan as a new contributor to the pages of *The Canadian Philatelist*.

Writing from the other side of the grave, so to speak, is Dr. William Canniff, who describes himself as an adventurous renaissance man. We learn quite a bit about 19th-century life from his story and a career that took him across the Atlantic to London, England, where he interned as a surgeon, practiced his newly acquired skills in the Crimea and later with the Army of the Potomac before returning home to Belleville where he again set up a family practice.

Kimber Wald takes us on a much shorter journey, and a more recent one, that is simply delightful. He visits a tiny post office where he can buy old postcards, grab a delicious snack and, perhaps best of all, wash it down with a cold beer.

If you proceed through magazines from front to back, as was probably intended originally, you will already have read the articles I have touched on here. But if you begin leafing through magazines from back to front, relax, and if its sweater weather slip into one, and enjoy the varied topics that we present in our October Stamp Month issue. ♣

septembre/octobre. Nos lecteurs se souviendront aussi des articles parus sur le timbre de Noël dans le numéro de juillet/août 2004 alors que Dick Lamb nous présentait ce timbre fascinant sous un angle inhabituel.

Bien qu'il reste encore quelques mois avant Noël, l'article de Richard Logan sur les timbres dédiés au roi Wenceslas de Bohême, héros de la fameuse chanson « Le bon roi Wenceslas », et sur sa vie nous donnera un avant-goût du numéro de Noël qui contiendra des articles de circonstance. Nous souhaitons la bienvenue à monsieur Logan, qui vient de s'ajouter au nombre des auteurs du *Philatéliste canadien*.

William Canniff, quant à lui, écrit pour ainsi dire de l'au-delà puisqu'il se présente comme un esprit universel aventureux. Son récit sur la vie au 19e siècle et sur une carrière qui l'a mené de l'autre côté de l'Atlantique, à Londres, en Angleterre, où il a fait son internat en chirurgie pour ensuite se rendre en Crimée afin de mettre en pratique ses talents nouvellement acquis, est des plus instructifs. Plus tard, il a été au service de l'armée du Potomac, puis est retourné chez lui, à Belleville, pour se consacrer à la médecine familiale.

Kimber Wald nous propose un voyage beaucoup plus court et plus récent, mais tout simplement charmant. Il nous amène dans un petit bureau de poste où il peut acheter de vieilles cartes postales, prendre un goûter délicieux et, ce qui est peut-être le clou de sa visite, l'arroser d'une bonne bière.

Si, comme cela se fait normalement, vous lisez vos revues du début à la fin, vous avez déjà lu les articles dont je viens de parler. Mais, si vous commencez à les feuilleter par la fin, détendez-vous, et si c'est la saison de la petite laine, enfillez-en une et régalez-vous des sujets variés du numéro d'octobre, le Mois de la philatélie. ♣

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