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## EDITORIAL

### The Editor Regrets

Three years ago, because of the postal strike, we found it impossible to produce our normal February issue. By the time this is read readers will know that history has repeated itself exactly. This time, however, the difficulties encountered by our printers, rather than the problems of distribution are responsible for the hiatus in the production of *Maple Leaves*. At the time of writing (mid January) it has still not yet proved possible to publish our December issue. This will be accompanied eventually by the Year Book for 1973-74 and the index for Volume 14 and all we can do here is to apologise to all our members and our advertisers for its late arrival. For once we can really plead that circumstances beyond our control have been responsible for a situation that we can only regret, but not remedy.

### Convention 1974

Inset with this issue are the usual hotel booking/competition entry forms for Convention 1974, when we return to Perth, the venue of our first convention in 1947. There is surely no need to remind members that *every* convention that has been held in Scotland has proved to be an outstanding success, and there is certainly no reason to expect that this year things will be otherwise. Certainly Alfie Grant and his 'team' will be working hard to make it a memorable occasion. But their efforts alone will not ensure this; convention is an occasion when *everyone* can contribute towards its success in a variety of ways.

Support for the convention auction springs readily to mind and for those who would have reservations about this we would remind them that last year a record total of bids exceeding £3,000 was achieved, a figure which can only reflect a great number of satisfied vendors and buyers. Very few lots indeed went unsold and a glance at the list of prices realised (available on loan from the Librarian) should be sufficient to convince the sceptical that convention auction provides an ideal way of disposing of unwanted material or of acquiring that special item which has for so long appeared on their 'wants' list.

Details regarding the auction appear on page 37 of this issue. All lots should be sent to John Hannah as soon as possible in order that the task of compiling the catalogue may be made as easy as possible.

### **Exchange Packet**

During the last twelve months I have been sent 250 books for inclusion in the Exchange Packet. These 250 books were submitted by 24 members, and made up only 18 packets. There are ten circuits to be covered by those 18 packets, so members who have only received one packet in the last twelve months can now see why this is.

The ten circuits comprise of an average 25 to 30 members; therefore the record of contribution is pretty poor.

At the moment of writing I have just enough books to make up one more packet, so it looks as though we are in for a fairly lean spell.

The more material I get, the more packets I can send out and, consequently, the more satisfied members we have. So please get those duplicates out and make up some books for your fellow collectors. It may not be generally known, but all contributors see the packet containing their books before it goes out on the circuit proper, so if you are a regular contributor you could see every packet that I send out.

Members in Ireland and the Channel Islands may have been wondering why they have not received any packets during the last few months. This is due to one of the conditions in the Insurance Policy now in operation.

Briefly it states that all packets sent to the above places must go by registered post. The registered service for parcels has been discontinued by the G.P.O., and any packets for registration have to go by letter post, which makes the postage charged very high, and I feel that the society cannot carry this cost. These packets are also subject to V.A.T. on entering and leaving; this is another expense which I feel members might not wish to incur. So for the present I have had to take these members off the exchange packet circuits. I am still trying to get this sorted out with the Insurance Company and those members concerned can be assured that as soon as it is sorted out I will replace their names on the circuits.

R. GRIGSON.

## President's Message

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Firstly I must apologise for not having published the usual letter before now. As members will appreciate the Editor has not been having his trouble to seek in trying to get *Maple Leaves* to you 'timeously' but also in getting it published at all. The cancellation of the February issue is regretted—and this also set me back; the letter I had drafted at the end of December having to be scrapped.

I would like to express my most sincere thanks for having been made President of the Society. I hope I can maintain the high standards set by my predecessors.

Despite the time which has elapsed—this being written just before the General Election there is one thing which I want to record. That is our sincere thanks to Mathew and Anne Carstairs for all the hard work they put in before and during the very successful Convention at Oxford. Their friendliness and energy in making everyone feel 'at home' assured its success. It was different and some adjustments were required. But everyone enjoyed it thoroughly. The Banquet in Hall was an experience which I am sure all will long remember.

In present circumstances—3 day weeks, Strikes and General Election—it is difficult to plan with enthusiasm for the next Convention. However, the 'Show must go on' and the Station Hotel, Perth has been booked from 2nd to 5th October 1974. It was some time after I made preliminary enquiries that I discovered that the Society's first gathering in 1947—a one day meeting—was in that hotel.

Booking forms giving information are included with this issue. Hotel charges are inevitably considerably higher and for this we must blame V.A.T. and inflation. The hotel has a private car park and if you are coming by train you will not need a taxi.

The 'twins' from Aberdeen with their usual willingness have agreed to look after the auction yet again. Full information about the auction is given elsewhere in this issue. We had a record auction last year with excellent prices so don't hesitate to send good material.

The booking form also gives details about entries for the competitive displays.

All you need to do now is:—

- (a) Get your material for the auction prepared and sent off to Aberdeen.
- (b) Fill up and return your booking form to me (I will be away from home May 13th–22nd.)
- (c) Think about your competition entries and fill up and return the form—me again.

I hope there will be a good response to all these requests and look forward to meeting a good number at Perth. The programme will follow the usual lines and the country round about is pleasant. And if the right places are open in October, there will be some entertainment for the Ladies.

## Oxford 1973

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In an effort to combat inflation, our President made a bold decision and chose his old college, Queens, as the venue for the 1973 Convention at Oxford.

Having overcome initial parking problems and taken a crash course in orienteering it was generally agreed that the novelty and traditions of the surroundings outweighed any disadvantages encountered.

It was good to see familiar faces again and to welcome new ones. Special mention must be made of Cliff Guile and Wayne Curtis and their charming wives who made the trip from Canada, and Karl Topf from Germany. Their presence gave the gathering an international flavour.

Speaking of international flavour, it probably came as something of a shock to the resident barman to have to scour Oxford in order to maintain his rapidly dwindling stock of Glenmorangie, a devil's brew from north of the border. The cellar bar, whilst not the most comfortable of hostelrys, proved extremely popular, due in no small measure to a barman unique in that he insisted on buying the drinks from time to time! This led to a classic confrontation in which a barman and a Scot were overheard in heated debate, each insisting that *he* buy the drinks.

In case it is felt that Convention was a four day carouse, let me hasten to add that the bar visits were sandwiched between all the events which made up a very full programme. For the scholars there were the morning study circles led by Matthew Carstairs (Military Mail) and David Sessions (Edward definitives).

Afternoons were given over to outings to Blenheim Palace and the Oxford Colleges when husbands were encouraged to accompany their long-suffering wives. Incidentally the College collection of Oxford private stamps was made available for inspection.

On the Wednesday evening, Dr. Dorothy Sanderson made an impressive debut with an erudite discourse and first class display on the cross-border mail between Canada and the U.S. Thursday evening's entertainment was provided by the London Group whose mixed bag contained some very fine short displays. Friday evening was to have been given over to a display of the Map Stamp by the Canadian P.O. Unfortunately, Bob Woolley who was to bring the display, was taken ill at the last moment and was unable to come. However, with the wealth of talent at his disposal, Charles Hollingsworth was able to choose and lead a team of impromptu speakers, thus saving the evening in great style.

Saturday saw the keenly awaited auction and it was soon apparent that any savings on hotel bills were being carefully invested in philatelic gems. The 421 lots attracted winning bids well in excess of £3,000 which must be some sort of Society record. The message was clear, however: good quality or unusual Canadian material is at a premium and if you have some for disposal the the C.P.S. annual auction is *the* market place.

And so to the closing banquet, the highspot of the Convention, when over 70 members, wives and guests sat down to a first class spread. A notable



feature was the installation of three new Fellows of the Society, Eric Bielby, George R. C. Searles and Bill Williams.

Matthew and Anne Carstairs and a very small band did a fine job in sometimes difficult circumstances, and all those who attended were greatly appreciative. Convention has become a tradition and our new President, Alfie Grant, has much to live up to when he holds sway at Perth in 1974 where the Station Hotel is the venue. Knowing the people concerned and the standards of hospitality offered by our Scottish friends I am sure we can all safely book our tickets.

To those of you reading this who have never attended a full Convention I can only say 'You don't know what you're missing'. Try to get to Perth 2nd to 5th October 1974 and find out.

#### Postscript

An unofficial reunion of the C.P.S. committee took place at 50 Pall Mall, London on 9th October when Robson Lowe's put the first part of the Millar Allen collection under the hammer. The comments made in relation to our own auction were borne out in that high prices were paid for choice, and some not-so-choice, items.

It was interesting to note that fine imperf S.Q.'s went above S.G. catalogue price. A fine used copy of the black brown 10 cent Consort fetched full S.G. of £90 and the 17 cent Cartier with 'burr on shoulder' variety reached £120 (used). A fine used 3 cent L.Q. on laid paper went over catalogue at £23.

Squared circle addicts had a field day with a poorish copy of the rare Fonthill fetching £40 and a cover with 3 strikes of the scarce Bleeker St. mark going to £42. 13 lots of flag cancellations totalled almost £450 (nearly twice the estimate) whilst 4 lots of C.P.R. pictorial cards were knocked down for approximately three times the estimate.

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### CONVENTION AUCTION, SATURDAY, 5th OCTOBER 1973

All lots should be sent to:

Mr. J. Hannah,  
4, Hammersmith Road,  
Aberdeen, AB1 6NB.

Members are particularly asked to note that:

- a. Only B.N.A. material can be accepted.
- b. Closing date to guarantee inclusion in the catalogue is 1st July 1974.
- c. A brief description should be included for each lot and also the estimated value or reserve.
- d. Lots should have an estimated value of not less than £1.
- e. Single stamps and small lots should be mounted or housed on paper or card not more than 5 in. x 6 in.
- f. Commission on sales is 15 per cent.
- g. A stamped addressed card should be enclosed if a receipt is required.

# Canadian Railway Postmarks Hammer Varieties

## Part 3

by P. R. Grey

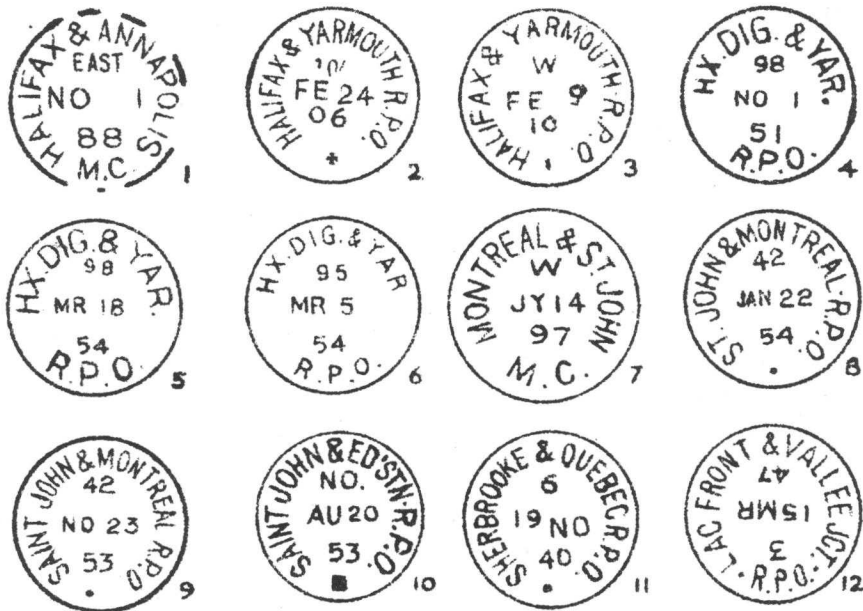
To complete the study of the R.P.O's south of the St. Lawrence River we now consider the Canadian Pacific lines, including the Dominion Atlantic Railway and the Quebec Central Railway which have been operated by the C.P.R. since 1912 but which have retained their original names.

The leasing of the Dominion Atlantic Railway enabled the C.P.R. to compete against the C.N.R. with an alternative route from Halifax to Montreal via Digby and Saint John, a C.P.R. mail ship providing the sea connection across the Bay of Fundy. The D.A.R. was formed in 1894 absorbing the Windsor and Annapolis and the Yarmouth and Annapolis Railways, thus incorporating the complete line down the west side of the Province of Nova Scotia from Halifax to Yarmouth, 217 miles in length.

Damage to the outer ring of the 'Halifax and Annapolis M.C.' hammer M.32/1 provides a useful aid to identification (Fig. 1).

Both hammers used in the McAdam and Edmundston R.P.O. (M.72) omitted the 'D' from 'Edmundston'.

Shaw No.	Shaw Type		Period Recorded
<b>A. Dominion Atlantic Railway</b>			
<i>Halifax &amp; Annapolis M.C.</i>			
M32	9E	1. Wide Sq.Amp. (Fig 1)	1887-1889
		2. Normal Sq.Amp. Smaller space between '&' and 'A'	1885-1890
		3. Narrower letters; 'M.C.' widely spaced	1895
<i>Halifax &amp; Yarmouth</i>			
M63	9E	1. 'OUTH' wide	1897-1902
		2. 'OUTH' narrow	1897-1904
<i>Halifax &amp; Yarmouth R.P.O.</i>			
M64	17	1. Small Maltese cross at foot (Fig 2)	1906-1908
		2. Central dot before 'R.P.O.' 'R.P.' sloping to right (Fig 3)	1906-1925
		3. No central dot; normal Sq.Amp.	1908-1917
		4. No central dot; narrow Sq.Amp	1913-1928
<i>Hx. Dig. and Yar. R.P.O.</i>			
M45	17H	1. Medium lettering (Fig. 4)	1931-1952
		2. Large rounded lettering (Fig 5)	1954-1959
		3. Small lettering (Fig 6)	1944-1956



**B. Saint John–Montreal (482 miles)**

*Montreal & St. John M.C.*

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|---------|--|-----------|
| Q137 9E | 1. Narrow 'A'; 'M.C.' widely spaced<br>(Fig 7) | 1897–1908 |
|         | 2. Normal 'A'; 'M.C.' widely spaced            | 1899      |
|         | 3. Normal 'A' and normal 'M.C.'                | 1898–1913 |
|         | 4. Central dot on each side of 'M.C.'          | 1897–1899 |

*St. John & Montreal R.P.O.*

There are at least eight distinguishable hammers, varying in:—

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|---------|---|-----------|
| M106 17 | a. Shape of ampersand                   |           |
|         | b. Stop or central dot after 'Montreal' |           |
|         | c. Small or large 'T' in 'St. John'     | 1902–1955 |

*Saint John & Montreal R.P.O.*

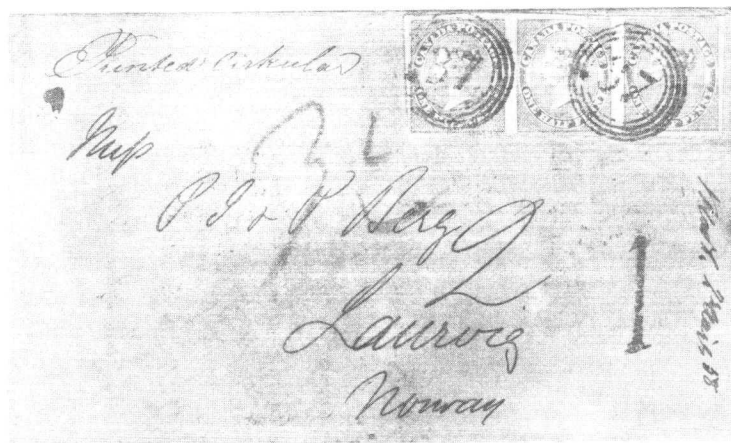
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|----------|--|-----------|
| M107B 17 | 1. Short hyphen before 'R.P.O.'              | 1948–1955 |
|          | 2. Very narrow 'L' Round base dot<br>(Fig 9) | 1953–1955 |

**C. Saint John-McAdam-Edmundston (246 miles)**

- McAdam & Edmundston R.P.O.*
- M72 17 1. 'M' of 'Adam' and 'E' converge downwards 1907  
2. Normal letters, narrower Sq.Amp. 1904-1909
- Saint John & Ed'stn R.P.O.*
- M102 17 1. 'S' and 'J' narrow 1934-1948  
2. 'S' and 'J' normal, narrower spaces at foot (*Fig 10*) 1934-1954  
(Hammer 2 became very worn and thick towards the end of its use)

**D. Quebec Central Railway**

- Levis & Sherbrooke R.P.O.*
- Q52 17 1. Narrow Sq.Amp. 1902-1929  
2. Normal Sq.Amp.
- Sherbrooke & Quebec R.P.O.*
- Q285 17 1. Normal R.Amp. (Damaged lower half of outer ring at dates recorded) 1934-1935  
2. Smaller space between 'S' and base dot—Small top to R.Amp. 1929-1955  
(*Fig 11*)
- Lac Front & Vallee Jct. R.P.O.*
- Q32 17H 1. Central dot each side of 'R.P.O.' 1939-1947  
(*Fig 12*)  
2. Less space each side of R.Amp. Central dot before 'Jct' 1948-1955



*Fig. 1* (see page 42)

## OBITUARY

It is with regret that we have to record the death of J. J. Bonar on 14th December 1973. Although his health had been poor for several years his intense interest in his collections of 19th Century Canada and Postal History of Canada and Scotland continued until a few months of his death. It may truly be said that his stamps 'kept him going' particularly during the last few years when he was very largely confined to his house.

Before illness prevented travelling, he attended Conventions regularly, where he enjoyed nothing better than a 'discussion'—which could become quite heated—on some questionable item or obscure marking on pre-stamp material. A lawyer by profession, he served as a committee member for many years. In this capacity his advice and wise guidance was of great value to the Society. Numerous articles in *Maple Leaves* were the result of research in which he delighted and his wide correspondence with many collectors must have helped and stimulated their activities.

He was President of the Society in 1955 and was made a Fellow in 1958. In 1972 he was invited to sign the Book of Scottish Philatelists, the highest philatelic honour in Scotland.

'JJ' as he was known to so many, was the leader and guiding light of the small but enthusiastic Edinburgh Group for nearly 20 years. They were fortunate in being able to enjoy displays from his collection year after year, and always there was something new and unusual. It is now that one regrets that all the bits of information, which came from such wide knowledge and a remarkable memory, were not recorded.

We have lost a good friend and fellow member. His passing will be deeply regretted by all who knew him, but we rejoice that he is now at peace.



Fig. 2 (see page 42)

# Pence issue of Canada

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by W. E. Lea

Our organisation is currently attempting to discover how many Pence issue covers of Canada are in existence.

At the present time we have some 750 recorded, and several interesting facts have emerged as a result of this study. Some of our findings will be revealed in due course, and it would be most helpful if collectors of Pence Covers would send us the details.

Perhaps the first conclusion one can reach from this census is the amazing shortage of covers existing to countries outside Canada, U.S.A. and the United Kingdom. When one considers the close connection France had—and still has, with Canada, it is remarkable that apparently only two covers exist. Below are enumerated the covers already recorded by us. This is not the last word, but we hope will prove an incentive to others to search to see if they can find more. We look forward to hearing from you.

## NORWAY.

1. 1857 ½d imperf. strip of three on circular to Laurvig, Norway dated on reverse 28th and 30th July 1858 (1d underpaid). (See Fig. 1 page 40.)
2. 1858/9 ½d perf. pair and two singles on cover to Christians, Norway dated Quebec 30th May 1859 (1 stamp missing).

## GERMANY.

1. 1852/7 3d thin wove imperf. pair on cover to Hamburg dated Montreal 25th September 1854. Stamps pay double rate internal postage—enveloppe bears 2/- in manuscript covering overseas postage. Ex De Volpi.
2. 1859 ½d perf. pair and 17c on cover to Breslau, Germany, (Breslau now in Poland) paying the 19 cent rate to Germany. Unique mixed franking illustrated in Boggs, page 203. (See Fig. 2 page 41.)
3. 1857 ½d strip of four and single on circular to Bremen dated Quebec 13th July 1858. (See Fig. 3 page 53.)
4. 1857 ½d strip of three on circular to Bremen (same address as above) dated 6th September 1858 (1d underpaid).

## FRANCE.

1. 1852/57 6d imperf. on medium paper, two copies together with 1858/9 ½d perforated to Chalon sur Rhone, France (note pence rate equivalent to 21 cents) dated Montreal 7th February 1859.
2. 1858/9 ½d perforated with pair of 6d perforated used to Chalon sur Rhone, France, dated Montreal 18th March 1859 (similar rated cover to No. 1).

Please send any further information you may find to W. E. Lea, 1 The Adelphi, John Adam Street, London, W.C.2.

## Bisects of The 6 cent Large Queen

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by H. E. Duckworth and H. W. Duckworth

The writers are undertaking to compile a comprehensive list of the covers extant for which a bisect of the 6 cent L.Q. was accepted as payment of the regular 3 cent domestic rate. Although our current list is incomplete, it is printed in the accompanying table in the hope (a) that it may be of interest in its present form and (b) that other collectors will provide additional information known to them, either to correct the table or to add to it. For this purpose the 'Notes' for the table should be considered an integral part of the table. We are particularly interested to obtain further information concerning the 'pedigrees' of the covers in question.

The entries in the table bear out the frequently-made remark that the practice of bisecting stamps to pay the half rate was almost exclusive to the maritime provinces. Indeed, in this case, it appears to have been limited mainly to the Annapolis Valley of Nova Scotia. Further, it will be noted that for eight of the nineteen entries Timothy D. Ruggles, Barrister, was either the recipient or the sender. Readers may be able to provide the reason for his prominence in this connection.

Correspondence should be addressed to 49 Oak Street, Winnipeg 9, Canada. Information provided will be treated with appropriate anonymity.

For Table see page 45 and 46.

### NOTES ON TABLE OF 6c L. Q. BISECTS

a F(B)—cancelled on face (back) of cover.

b 1(2)—upper (lower) diagonal half, diagonal runs from L.L. to U.R.

3(4)—lower (upper) diagonal half, diagonal runs from U.L. to L.R.

5(6)—left (right) vertical half.

—points to top of stamp.

1. Illustrated *P.J.G.B.*, 1934, page 71 and in *The Postage Stamps and Postal History of Canada*, Winthrop S. Boggs (Kalamazoo: Chamber Publishing Co., 1945), Volume 1, page 260. Listed in *The Royal Philatelic Collection*, Sir John Wilson Bt. (London: Dropmore Press Ltd.) Section II, British America, page 18.
2. Listed in Boggs, op. cit., page 260.
3. Listed in Boggs, op. cit., page 260. Illustrated and sold in the Dale-Lichenstein Sale (H.R. Harmer Inc., New York), December 8, 1970, Lot 630. Illustrated and sold in Robson-Lowe Sale, September 23rd 1971, Lot 2117.
4. Listed in Boggs, op. cit., page 260. A bisect of this date is also mentioned in *Standard British North America Catalogue* (Toronto: Fred Jarrett 1929), page 57, as having been in the Ayer Collection, dispersed in 1897.

5. Illustrated and sold in Dale-Lichtenstein Sale (H. R. Harmer Inc., New York), January 30, 1970, Lot 1292.
6. Illustrated and sold in the Moody Sale (H. R. Harmer Inc., New York), May 15, 1951, Lot 143.
7. Illustrated and sold in the Firth Sale (J. N. Sissons, Ltd., Toronto), November 17, 1971, Lot 205.
8. Illustrated and sold in the Dale-Lichtenstein Sale (H. R. Harmer Inc., New York), January 30, 1970, Lot 1298. A bisect of this date from Wilmot to Clementsport is listed in Boggs, op. cit., page 260 and is assumed to be this one, incorrectly described.
9. Described by A. Graham Fairbanks in *B.N.A. Topics*, Volume 24, No. 8, whole number 257, August 1967, page 188. Has Philatelic Foundation Certificate 238 of June 10, 1946.
10. Listed in Boggs, op. cit., page 260. Illustrated and sold 'as is' in Dale-Lichtenstein Sale (H. R. Harmer Inc., New York), December 8, 1970, Lot 633. Illustrated in Robson Lowe Sale, September 23, 1971, Lot 2119. Sold in Robson Lowe Sale, July 12, 1972, Lot 42. Royal Certificate states 'the tying is too indefinite to warrant certification'.
11. Illustrated and sold in Pack Sale (Harmer Rooke and Co., New York), December 6, 1944, Lot 165. Illustrated in Boggs, op. cit., page 261. Illustrated and sold in Dale-Lichtenstein Sale (H. R. Harmer Inc., New York), December 8, 1970, Lot 632.
12. On display in Tapling Collection in British Museum. Mentioned in Jarrett, op. cit., page 57. Stamp was not cut, but crudely torn in half.
13. Mentioned by Aubrey Kelson in *Popular Stamps*, 181, December 1955, page 11.
14. Illustrated and sold in Dale-Lichtenstein Sale (H. R. Harmer Inc., New York), December 8, 1970, Lot 631. Illustrated and sold in Robson Lowe Sale, September 23, 1971, Lot 2118. A bisect of this date from Clementsport to Bridgeport is listed in Boggs, op. cit., page 260, and is assumed to be this one, incorrectly described. A bisect of this date is mentioned in Jarrett, op. cit., page 57, as having been in the Ayer Collection, dispersed in 1897. The cover bears the pencil notation 'Sold in Glend Auction, December 5, 1910'.
15. Illustrated and sold in Firth Sale (J. N. Sissons Ltd., Toronto), November 17, 1971, Lot 206. Philatelic Foundation Certificate 2434 states 'cover and bisect genuine in all respects'.
16. Sold by Leo Baresch, London, in August, 1970.
17. Jarrett, op. cit., page 57, comments, 'Mr. F. F. Lamb in the philatelic (sic) *Journal of America* records one as used from Wilmot, February 1872'.
18. Illustrated and sold in Reford Sale (Harmer Rooks and Co., New York), October 5, 1950, Lot 838. Philatelic Foundation Certificate. May be the same as 17.
19. Illustrated in a Shanahan Auction, 1959, Lot 1779. Information provided by A. Graham Fairbanks.



Number	Cancellation at Point of Mailing (F or B)	Cancellation at Point of Arrival (F or B)	Addressee (Sender)	Portion and Orientation of Stamp
1	EGLINGTON U.C. FE 1 1869 (F)		Robert A. Wood, Toronto C.W. Yarmouth N.S.	1
2	ANNAPOLIS N.S. APR 7 1869		T. D. Ruggles Esquire Bridgetown (U.G. and B. G. Shaw)	4
3	ANNAPOLIS N.S. JY 1 1869 (F)	BRIDGETOWN N.S.	Clementsport N.S.	2
4	ANNAPOLIS N.S. JY 5 1869		Mr. Edward Crisp Laurentown Annapolis N.S.	2
5	ST. JOHN N.B. OC 21 69 (F)		_____ Esquire _____t	3
6	BRIDGETOWN N.S. JA 1 1870 (F)	CORNWALLIS N.S. JA 3 1870 (B)	Cornwallis E. C. Conling (?) Esquire George and P_____ate(?) Annapolis (T. D. Ruggles (?))	4
7	BRIDGETOWN N.S. JA 7 1870 (F)		T. D. Ruggles Esquire Bridgetown (C. Cousins)	4
8	WILMOT N.S. MR 17 1870 (B)	BRIDGETOWN N.S. MA 17 1870 (B)	W. R. Cutten Esquire Barrister Q.C. Arichat	4
9	ST. PETERS C.B. MY 23 1870 (F)	ARICHAT C.B. MY 28 1870 (B)		4
10	ANNAPOLIS N.S. AU 17 1870 (B)	BRIDGETOWN N.S. AU 18 1870 (B)	Timothy D. Ruggles Esquire Bridgetown Annapolis	6
11	H. and A. R. EAST N.S. SP 3 1870 (F)		T. D. Ruggles Esquire Barrister Q.C. Bridgetown (G. Fullerton)	5
12	2 RING '4' (F)	WOLFVILLE N.S. OC 5 1870 (B)	Mr. James W. Bancroft Acadia College, Wolfville N.S.	5

Number	Cancellation at Point of Mailing (F or B)	Cancellation at Point of Arrival (F or B)	Addressee (Sender)	Portion and Orientation of Stamp
13	No. 7 1870	BRIDGETOWN N.S.	T. Ruggles Esquire	1
14	CLEMENTS-PORT N.S. DE 8 1870 (F)	DE 9 1870 (B)	Bridgetown N.S. (Geo. H. Roy)	
15	ANNAPOLIS N.S. NO 28 71 (F)	STELLARTON N.S. NO 30 71 (B)	T. D. Ruggles Esquire Barrister O.C. Bridgetown (E. C. Coling (?)) Jesse Hoyt Esquire Acadia Coal Mines Stellarton	2 4
16	SHUBENACADIE NO 30 1871 (F)		Timothy Ruggles Esquire Bridgetown	4
17	WILMOT N.S. FE 1872			3
18	1872			
19	VANCOUVER B.C. 23 85 (F)			

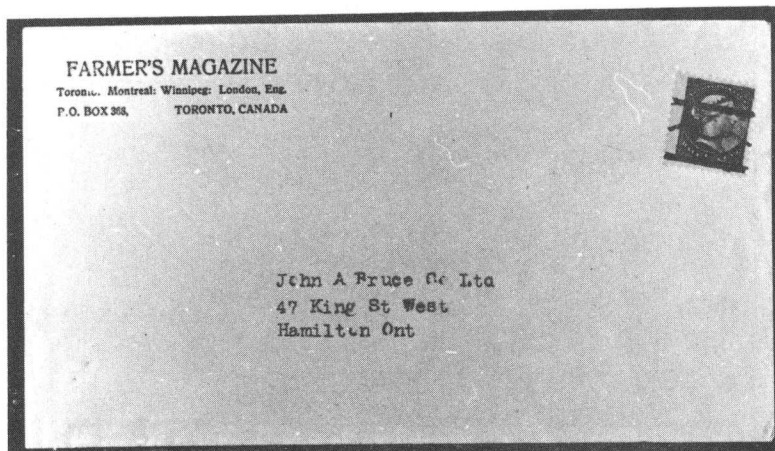
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 Valleyfield ... Que. I type IV period II  
 Ridgetown ... Ont. I type IV period Admirals  
 Toronto UCN ... Ont. I type VI period II  
 Milestone ... Sask. I type IV period 1967  
 Stetler ... Alta. I type IV period Admirals

\*Joliette ... Que. II  
 \*Waterloo ... Que. II  
 \*Waterdown ... Ont.  
 \*Rapid City ... Man.  
 \*Edmonton Reg'd  
 \*Nobleford ... Alta.

## Part—2 The Half cent Rates of Canada

by Dr. F. Stulberg

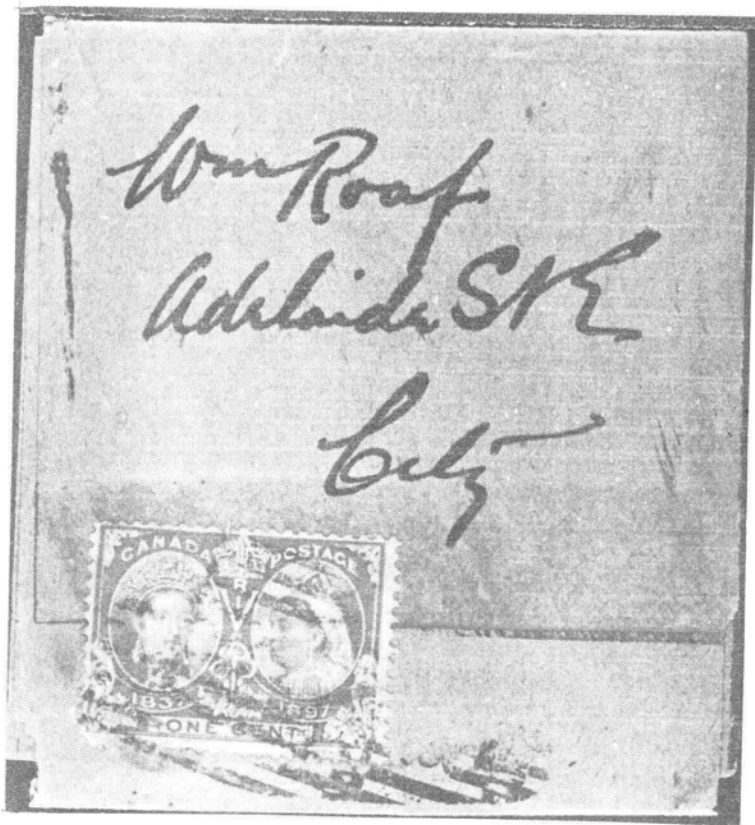
The regulations concerning precancels during the  $\frac{1}{2}$  cent era were geared towards business establishments in the habit of putting out second and third class mailing in volume. Although one would think that this would be usual for publishers, most  $\frac{1}{2}$  cent stamps are relatively scarce precancelled and examples of usage are rare (fig. 6).



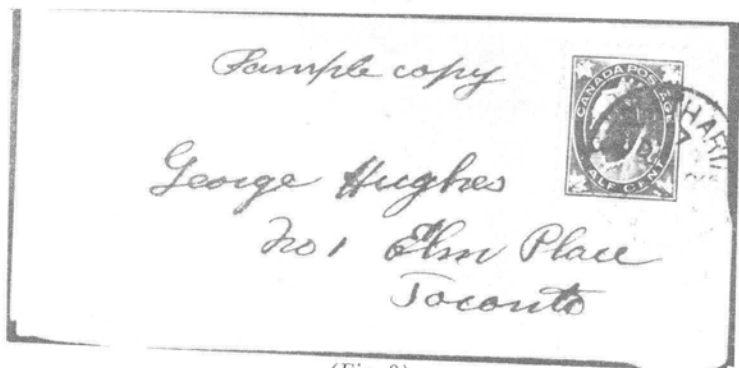
(Fig. 6)

Examples of a single  $\frac{1}{2}$  cent stamp of the Jubilee Issue of 19th June 1897 used to prepay the proper rate under genuine conditions are virtually unknown. Indeed, speculators depleted the stocks of this value so quickly that the Post Office Department issued the following directive to all postmasters on 26th June—a scant seven days after these stamps came on the market:—

‘With reference to the numerous demands upon this office for the  $\frac{1}{2}$  cent and 6 cent Jubilee stamps, I am directed to explain that the respective quantities of Jubilee stamps bear, relatively, the same proportions to the actual requirements of the Postal Service, but the tendency to exhaust the HALVES and SIXES has increased to such a degree, that it has become necessary to restrict their sale to purchasers of full sets.’



(Fig. 7)



(Fig. 8)

This meant that in the larger centres—notably Toronto and Montreal—regular users of the  $\frac{1}{2}$  cent stamp were unable to get what they needed and postmasters were officially told TO SUPPLY THESE USERS WITH WHOLE 1 CENT STAMPS (AT  $\frac{1}{2}$  CENT) AND GET A REFUND FROM THE POST OFFICE DEPARTMENT ON THE VALUE DIFFERENCE. There is little doubt that this small wrapper (fig. 7) would be around a small periodical weighing less than one ounce which was the weight cut-off point for 'City Delivery' circulars or newspapers eligible for the  $\frac{1}{2}$  cent rate. This was mailed at Toronto to a Toronto address.

It is only natural that the quick depletion of some of the denominations of the Jubilee stamps would force the Post Office into preparing a new issue and this came on 9th November 1897—less than six months after the 'Jubilees' were issued. This was, of course, the Maple Leaf Issue and had a  $\frac{1}{2}$ cent stamp (fig. 8). This was replaced on September 13th 1898, by the numeral issue which also provided for a  $\frac{1}{2}$  cent stamp (fig. 9). However, the  $\frac{1}{2}$  cent rate as an entity unto itself was beginning to crumble. Death came on 1st January 1899 when the free mailing privileges afforded publishers were modified to apply to newspapers and periodicals published at no greater frequency than once a week and periodicals published at no greater frequency than once a week and transmitted by mail to bona fida subscribers or newsdealers within twenty miles of the place of publication or within a circular area of a diameter not exceeding forty miles. Of special significance however, were the rates applicable to publications that were not entitled to free postage and, to this point, were generally covered by the single  $\frac{1}{2}$  cent rate. The new rules were as follows:—

' . . . on and after the first day of January, and until and inclusive of the thirtieth day of June following, (those mailings not entitled to free delivery above will pass) at the rate of one-quarter of one cent, and thereafter at the rate of one-half of one cent, for each pound weight or fraction of a pound rate . . . '.



(Fig. 9)

In effect, publishers could now mail newspapers and periodicals that were not entitled to free postage for a bulk payment of one-half of one cent for each pound. The Edward issue of 1st July 1903 did not have a  $\frac{1}{2}$  cent stamp.

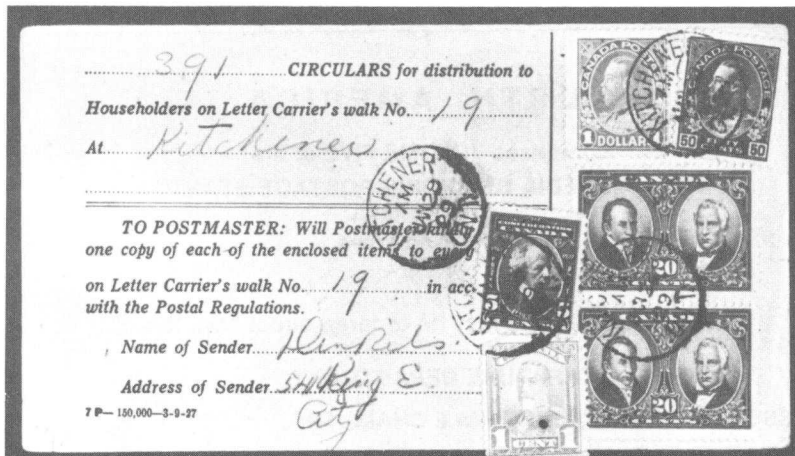
On 13th July 1908 a set of stamps which included one of a  $\frac{1}{2}$  cent denomination was issued to commemorate the 300th anniversary of the founding of Quebec. Certainly the decision to have a new  $\frac{1}{2}$  cent stamp at this time was not motivated by utilitarian reasons because this value as a distinct postal entity was all but dead. However, as with the 'Jubilee' issue eleven years earlier, most of them ended up in the hands of collectors (and speculators). Thus the few known examples showing the use of this stamp by itself are likely philatelically inspired (fig. 10).



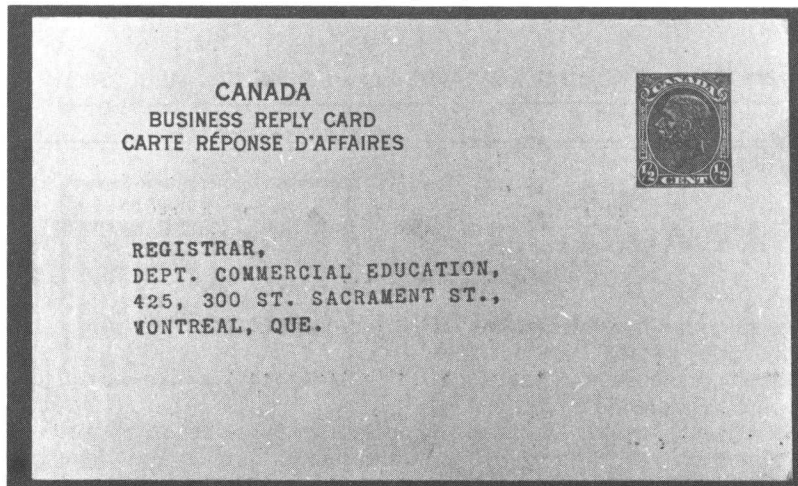
(Fig. 10)

It should be pointed out that the purpose for which the  $\frac{1}{2}$  cent stamp was issued in 1868 remained unchanged for over forty years. However, on 19th May 1909, an amendment to the Post Office Act repealed the provision whereby newspapers and periodicals weighing less than an ounce and when posted singly could be prepaid by  $\frac{1}{2}$  cent postage stamp. With this type of mailing now in the 1 cent per ounce class, the reason for the existence of the  $\frac{1}{2}$  cent stamp as a postal entity was gone. On 10th June 1909 the Post Office Department announced that it no longer had  $\frac{1}{2}$  cent stamps in stock.

Although the  $\frac{1}{2}$  cent stamp died with the Tercentenary issue of 1908, the half cent rate continued on in several forms. One of these was a 'to every householder' mailing and demanded bulk payment (fig. 11). Postal regulations of 1930 still contained information concerning this half cent rate as follows:—



(Fig. 11)



(Fig. 12)

'Printed circulars up to one ounce soliciting business, mailed in quantity for local distribution to householders, may be accepted at the rate of  $\frac{1}{2}$  cent each. Business firms who wish to take advantage of this rate must submit the circulars to the Postmaster in order that the rate may be confirmed and Postage paid, and also that the necessary arrangements for delivery may be made.'

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This  $\frac{1}{2}$  cent rate disappeared on 1st July 1931 with a change of postal rates.

The Madrid Conference of the Universal Postal Union was held in 1920 and, as a result of this, new rates (and colours) were adopted to be effective 1st October 1921. In 1922, Canada made available a  $\frac{1}{2}$  cent post card with the following directive:—

'Single reply cards bearing on the face the words 'Business Reply Card' and prepaid one-half cent postage. These cards must be sent out as enclosures with matter mailed in quantity addressed to places within Canada, and the speculative element as to a reply must be present when they are used. Any organization using these reply cards must have its name and address printed on the lower right-hand half of the face and must have matter (with or without blanks to be filled in) printed on the reverse side of the card.'

The last Canadian postal item to show the  $\frac{1}{2}$  cent single rate was the Business Reply Card of October 7th 1935, (fig 12). Coincidentally this was the last postal card design to show the portrait of King George V. The next issue, bearing the portrait of King George VI first appeared on 28th April 1938 and did not have a  $\frac{1}{2}$  cent value.

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(Fig. 3)  
(See page 42)

## **New Stamp issues**

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### **1973 CHRISTMAS STAMP ISSUE**

This is the tenth consecutive year the C.P.O. has marked the Christmas season with a special issue. The four stamps which were issued on 7th November 1973 are in the same values as last year: six, eight, ten and fifteen cents.

The stamp designs by Toronto artist Arnaud Maggs have, at first sight, a child-like simplicity. But further examination reveals accomplished, professional work gifted with a deep sense of creativity.

The new stamps represent four different aspects of the Christmas spirit. The skate on the six cent issue symbolizes recreational activities many Canadians share with family and friends. The bird pictured on the eight cent stamp represents the traditional Dove of peace and brotherly love. Santa Claus on the ten cent stamp symbolizes the joy of giving, and the shepherd on the fifteen cent issue reminds us of the Nativity two thousand years ago.

This year, the drawings that appear on the Christmas stamps are by Toronto artist Arnaud Maggs. The 6 and 8 cent stamps measure 24 mm by 30 mm, and the 10 and 15 cent values measure 24 mm by 40 mm, all in the vertical format.

138 million six-cent (skate) stamps, 105 million eight-cent (bird) stamps, 11 million ten-cent (Santa Claus) stamps and 15.5 million fifteen-cent (shepherd) stamps will be printed by Ashton-Potter Limited, Toronto.

The six and eight-cent stamps will be printed by the four-colour lithography process, the ten and fifteen-cent stamps by the five-colour lithography process.

Marginal inscriptions including the designer's name are printed in the four corners of every hundred stamp pane for the six and eight-cent values, and of every fifty stamp pane for the ten and fifteen-cent values. They may be purchased from the Philatelic Service of the Canada Post Office. All stamps will bear the general (Ottawa) tagging.

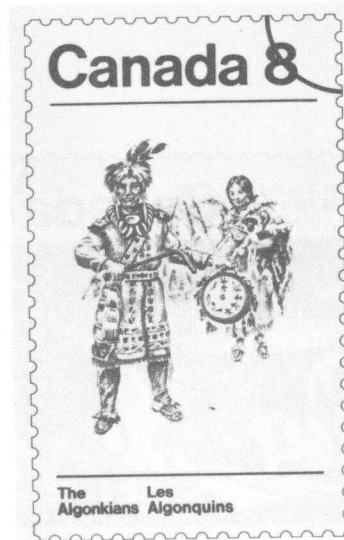
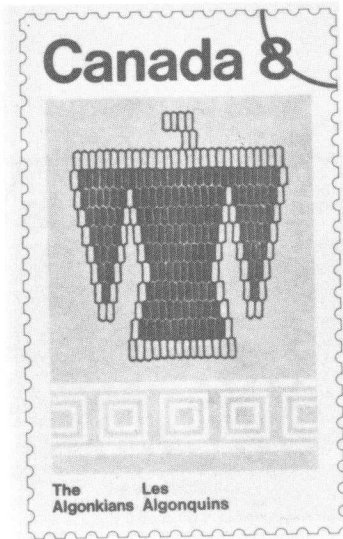
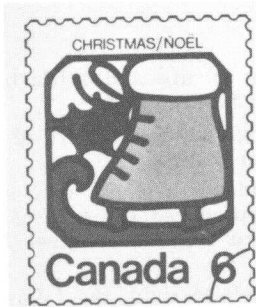
### **8 CENT ALGONKIAN INDIANS**

Two 8-cents stamps, depicting the symbolism and the costume of the Algonkian Indians, were issued by the Canada Post Office on 28th November. These stamps complete a set of four on Algonkian Indians, the first of which was introduced on 21st February this year. They are part of a continuing series on Canadian Indian cultures begun in 1972.

The representation of the thunderbird—one of the most powerful of Algonkian spirits—which is depicted on one of the stamps, was created by Georges Beaupré of Montreal. The design illustrating Algonkian costume was painted by Lewis Parker of Toronto. The stamps measure 24 mm by 40 mm, in a vertical format.

A total of 26,000,000 is being printed se-tenant in two colour gravure and three colour steel by the British American Bank Note Company of Ottawa. Horizontal marginal inscriptions including the designers' names appear on the four corners of each pane of fifty stamps available from Philatelic Service.

The total production of these stamps has been produced bearing the 'GENERAL TAGGIN'. The stamps will not be available in any other form.



## PACIFIC COAST INDIANS 8 CENT STAMPS

Two eight cent stamps focusing on the way of life and artifacts of Canada's Pacific Coast Indians were issued on 16th January 1974.

The stamps, the first of the 1974 stamp programme, are part of the continuing series on Canadian Indian culture begun in 1972.

The first stamp, depicting the print 'The Inside of a House in Nootka Sound', was engraved by William Sharp and reproduced courtesy of the Public Archives of Canada. The print was taken from an original 1778 drawing by John Webber.

The second of the two stamps depicts, from left to right, the following Pacific Coast Indian artifacts photographed by Ray Webber: a Haida box, a Nookta whalebone club, a Haida halibut hook, a Haida moon mask, a Salish blanket, a woodcarving of a salmon, a Haida basket and a Tsimshian basket. All of the artifacts were photographed courtesy of the Royal Ontario Museum and the National Museum of Man.

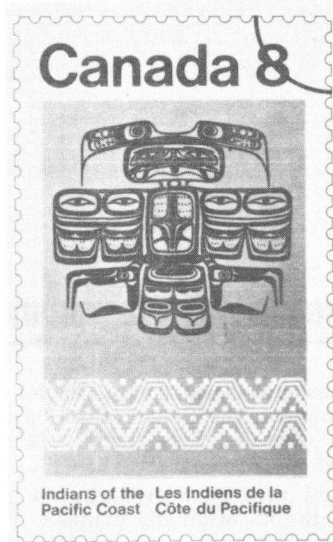
Typography for both stamps was done by Georges Beaupré.

A small date will be inscribed in the design area of each stamp indicating the day of issue together with a small 'c' indicating that the design is copyrighted. The practice will be continued to all ensuing issues.

A total of 26,000,000 is being printed 'se-tenant' in five-colour lithography by Ashton-Potter Ltd., Toronto. Marginal inscriptions, including the designers' names, appear on the four corners of each pane of 50 stamps available from the Philatelic Service.

The total production of these stamps has been produced bearing the 'GENERAL (Ottawa) TAGGING'. These stamps will not be available in any other form.





## PACIFIC COAST INDIANS

Two eight cent stamps focusing on the ceremonial dress and the symbolism of Canada's Pacific Coast Indians were issued on 22nd February 1974.

These stamps are part of the continuing four-year series begun in 1972 portraying the cultures of Canada's early Indian tribes.

The first stamp, depicting a chief wearing a Chilkat blanket at a potlatch feast, was designed by Lewis Parker of Toronto.

The second of the two stamps depicting a thunderbird from a painting of a Kwakiutl house-front and a Salish decorative pattern signifying clouds over mountains, was designed by Georges Beaupré of Montreal.

The stamps depicting the symbolism and the ceremonial clothing of the Pacific Coast Indians include the thunderbird spirit taken from a house-front painting and a chief wearing a Chilkat blanket at potlatch feast.

The stamps measure 24 mm. by 40 mm. in a vertical format. A total of 26,000,000 is being issued in two-colour gravure and two-colour steel by British American Bank Note Co., Ottawa. Marginal inscriptions, including the designers' names, appear on the four corners of each pane of 50 stamps available from the Philatelic Service.

Responding to continuing request from collectors, the practice of engraving a minuscule date in the design was reinstated with the first issue of stamps in 1974 and will be continued in this issue.

The total production of these stamps has been produced bearing the 'GENERAL (Ottawa) TAGGING'. These stamps will not be available in any other form.

## Revised Stamp Programme For 1974

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Postmaster General Andre Ouellet has announced a revised 1974 Stamp Programme for the Canada Post Office. The revised programme introduces a new 7 cent definitive stamp, a new 8 cent commemorative stamp, and important changes in the 1974 Olympic stamps series.

The new programme reduces the number of commemorative stamps to 33 from the 45 originally planned. The total cost to the collector of purchasing one of each commemorative stamp in 1974 will be reduced to \$2.99 from the \$5.42 it would have cost before the programme was revised.

'We have revised our programme in response to the many expressions of concern which we received from philatelists in Canada and abroad that Canada planned to issue too many stamps in 1974', said Mr. Ouellet.

The Canada Post Office will introduce a 7 cent stamp to the low value definitive series. It will feature the late Louis St-Laurent who was Prime Minister of Canada from 1948 to 1957. Mr. St-Laurent was still alive when the choice of former Prime Ministers for this series issued last October was made. For this reason, he was not included in this series. The new 7 cent stamp will be issued 8th April.

This new stamp will meet a need. Two 7 cent stamps can be used for mail (1 to 2 ounces) at the first class rate of 14 cents and one 7 cent stamp combined with an 8 cent stamp is the postage rate for overseas first class mail (1 ounce or less) at 15 cents.

An 8 cent commemorative stamp to honour William Hamilton Merritt on the 150th anniversary of his founding of the Welland Canal will be issued on 29th November 1974.

Instead of issuing the 24 Olympic semi-postals (surcharged) stamps announced earlier, the Canada Post Office will be issuing only three semi-postals on 17th April 1974, together with two issues of four commemorative 8 cent stamps in March and September 1974.

The new Olympic commemorative stamps will introduce a world first in stamp design. A new patented engraving technique has been employed which provides a 'latent' or 'hidden image' of the 1976 Olympic Games symbol in the stamp. The image only becomes visible when the stamp is held obliquely towards a light source.

The Olympic commemorative stamps issued on 22nd March 1974 will feature four designs on one sheet showing Canadians participating in typically Canadian sports or activities—hiking, bicycling, swimming, and jogging. The issue on 23rd September will similarly feature four winter activities—skiing, snow-shoeing, curling, and skating. The designs emphasize the fun and 'keep fit' aspect of truly amateur sport.

The semi-postals which will be issued 17th April will employ the very popular design used on the first Olympic commemoratives issued 20th September 1973, but will offer philatelists the unique opportunity of seeing these designs in three different interpretations, and in a different size.

The bronze colored 8 cent stamp will have a 2 cent surcharge, the silver colored 10 cent stamp will have a 5 cent surcharge, as will the gold colored 15 cent stamp. This surcharge will be paid to the organizing committee of the Olympic Games to help support the 1976 Summer Olympics in Canada. Naturally, for those who do not wish to participate in the financing of the Games, it will be possible to buy, at any post office, regular definitive or other commemorative stamps without a surcharge.

The 8 cent stamp commemorating the international championship of cycling will be issued 7th August, seven days before the event which will be held in Montreal. Its issue was originally planned for 10th April.

The Postmaster General also said that the Canada Post Office will continue in 1975 its series on the Olympic Games and that a commemorative stamp for Marguerite Bourgeoys, founder of the Order of Notre-Dame, will be issued on the 275th anniversary of her death.

The revised list of the 1974 issues is as follows:—

16 January	Pacific Indians A (two 8 cent stamps)
22 February	Pacific Indians B (two 8 cent stamps)
22 March	Olympic commemorative, Summer scenes (four 8 cent stamps)
8 April	Louis St-Laurent (one 7 cent stamp)
17 April	Olympic semi-postals (one 8 cent plus 2 stamp, one 10 cent plus 5 stamp and one 15 cent plus 5 stamp)
3 May	Winnipeg Centennial (one 8 cent stamp)
7 June	Centenary of Letter Carrier Service (five 8 cent stamps)
12 July	Agriculture in Canada (one 8 cent stamp)
26 July	Invention of the telephone (one 8 cent stamp)
7 August	World cycling championships (one 8 cent stamp)
28 August	Multicultural Series (two 8 cent stamps)
23 September	Olympic commemorative, Winter scenes (four 8 cent stamps)
9 October	Universal Postal Union Centennial (8 cent and 15 cent stamps)
1 November	Christmas stamps (6 cent, 8 cent, 10 cent and 15 cent stamps)
29 November	William Hamilton Merritt (8 cent)

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## Book Reviews

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**'MAPLE LEAVES' CUMULATIVE INDEX TO VOLS. 1-14 BY O. H. DOWNING.** Obtainable from S. F. Cohen, 51 Westfield Road, Birmingham B15 3QE (price £1 post paid)

The Society is indebted to Mr. Downing for compiling a very valuable reference list of all the specialised information that has appeared in *Maple Leaves* since its first publication.

The book is divided into five main sections, comprising Postal History; The Issued Stamps; General and miscellaneous features; the Maritime Provinces; and Index of Authors. It is therefore possible for any reader to pinpoint, almost at a glance, the particular issue(s) in which he will find articles appertaining to his specialised requirement. All that is necessary then, is to have the complete bound volumes of *Maple Leaves* at his disposal. The librarian will be able to loan any missing copies, of course, and may well be kept busy by this new reference list.

Students of any branch of B.N.A. philately are strongly urged to obtain their copy of this work as soon as possible, because only a very limited printing has been made and these are likely to be sold fairly quickly, one would imagine.

**CANADA. VARIETIES OF THE Q.E.11 ERA. PART TWO, MAJOR VARIETIES. BY K. W. PUGH.** Obtainable from Mr. S. F. Cohen, 51 Westfield Road, Birmingham B15 3QE (price £1.50 post paid)

This is the second part of Mr. Pugh's work on modern varieties, the first of which dealt with the basic types and how they are created. This section is devoted to all the minor and major varieties that have been recorded since 1952 starting with the Red Cross commemorative. The illustrations are quite large and a much better quality paper and print have been used than in Part 1. No less than 52 varieties are illustrated, ranging from missing colours, imperforated stamps, double images, cracked plates, counterfeits and die types. Even some minor constant dots and marks are well illustrated. Each of these has been allocated an estimated market price and this will be of considerable help to collectors, although it seems likely that with the demand that this book will create for these varieties, prices are unlikely to remain at the listed levels for very long.

This is a book that will be popular with experts and beginners alike, for there is much to look for that will be new to almost everyone. The very latest commemoratives have some constant flaws that have not been publicised at all, and the search will now be on for these. The section on the tricky 1967 definitive set alone, is well worth the expenditure for this book.

### **1974 CANADA SPECIALIZED POSTAGE STAMP CATALOGUE**

This pocket-sized edition is published by the Philatelic Publishers Co., of Toronto. At the modest price of \$1.50 there is no doubt that it will prove attractive to collectors of Canadian stamps on a number of counts: all

issues (or most of them) are listed in five columns with values for mint, used, mint blocks, used blocks and covers; black and white illustrations of stamps and varieties are sharply drawn and a great deal of information concerning the issues is provided.

Other interesting features include the listing of all varieties of one particular denomination together, irrespective of date of issue, while there are also separate listings of miniature sheets and plate blocks. From and including the 1931 'Cartier' issue values are also given for F.D.C.

Inevitably a few errors have been found, notably the listing of a rose shade in the Small Queens perforated  $11\frac{1}{2}$  by 12. One omission has also been noted and that is of the 2 cents green tete-beche imperforate blocks of the Admirals (Scott No. 107).

These are minor matters, however, and there is no doubt that this little 94 page booklet will prove to be good value.

### **THE COMMONWEALTH QUEEN ELIZABETH II STAMP CATALOGUE 1974 (22nd) EDITION**

The most important feature of this new catalogue is its up-to-dateness. The basic listings contain most issues up to the end of September and the Addenda, this year increased from 4 to 7 pages. contains most of the October and November issues including those of the Royal Wedding of Princess Anne. Most of the Christmas issues are also included in the basic listing or in the addenda.

This new edition has a new eye-catching multicoloured cover which should help shop sales and contains 475 pages of stamp listings, an increase of 41 over last years.

It is estimated that 60 to 70 per cent of the prices have been increased, not only due to the fluctuation of world currencies, but also because of the ever increasing demand for Commonwealth stamps. This is very evident in the commemorative issues of the last five years where printing figures have been inadequate, thus making some of these issues in short supply. Christmas and Easter issues have nearly all been increased in price owing to the ever increasing demand for these thematic issues and Miniature Sheets which have not been very popular in the past are now gaining in popularity and many have had startling price increases.

The pricing of the 1972 Silver Wedding issues have been carefully revised and many show large price increases. All known watermark and missing colour errors are listed, most of which are priced. Of particular interest to our members will be the most comprehensive listing of Canadian stamps of the Elizabeth II era and particularly the 1967 definitives. Here will be found what is undoubtedly the best guide ever through the maze of Canadian stamps which bids fair to rival the Admiral issue in its complexity and interest.

The publishers, Urch Harris and Co. Ltd., and Editor Brian Purcell have excelled themselves. 'Better than ever,' would seem to be very fair comment upon their work, and at £2.25 serious collectors of Elizabethan stamps should not hesitate to avail themselves of what is undoubtedly very good value indeed.

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Mr. E. Tweed writes:

### Buying Stamps

As a new member of the Canadian Philatelic Society of Great Britain I thought I would see if I could discover anything new about the buying of stamps, with a view towards beginning some specialist interest. Hopefully, I turned to a collection of the Society's magazines which a fellow member kindly loaned to me. The last 28 copies of *Maple Leaves* (Oct. 1968 to June 1973, inclusive) were examined in fine detail and a note was made of every article, letter or advertisement dealing with the purchasing of stamps. Since expenditure must be limited, a £10 maximum on any transaction was assumed.

A summary of detailed notes shows the following conclusions:

1. *Large adverts of well established firms.* These occurred in all 28 magazines, but since 1971 few prices were publicly advertised. In about one-third of all cases the lowest items (under £10) could have been bought.

2. *Other advertisements.* There were not really very many of these in a period of almost five years, so some above the stated limited are included.

- (a) Sale of Squared circle postmarks, priced from a few cents to over 50 cents each.
- (b) 35 stamps with 2 ring numerals at £28.
- (c) Selections of precancels, various up to 230 stamps at £9.
- (d) Mounted collection with many sets, over 500 stamps—£25.
- (e) Textile stamp re-entry, 2 blocks of 4 to compare—£14.
- (f) Various recent commemoratives of 1919 Trans-Atlantic flight, £1, £3, £5.
- (g) 100 different Canadian stamps at £1.
- (h) 1 kilo Canadian stamps at £3.75.
- (i) Various blocks of 4, a few pounds.

3. *Letters and articles.* On a handful of occasions mostly gloomy tidings have been brought: 'Nothing exists in Britain on the North American scale of many thousands of stamps in wholesale lots (Admirals)'. 'The keen demand in Canada for precancels has resulted in some lots being sold at ten times the valuation'. It is impossible for those living here to buy early material at British auctions, even three times the auctioneer's valuation is not enough'.

A factual article dealt with the 'Boom in Canadian Philately (mint)', followed by another comment on the poorer prospects for used.

4. From 'Under the Hammer', the amounts realised showed that just over one-third of the listed items would have been within reach.

5. Materials made available through the society, exchange packets, local group auctions and 'bring and buys', Annual Convention auction.

To conclude my letter, I did not feel that my ideas on buying had been much helped. Nor was there any real guidance available as to which specialist interest could be more readily developed, or how one should proceed in the 1970s. There must be others of the fairly large new membership, who would welcome advice here. Those who have already moved up the philatelic ladder may well have a good deal of value to communicate. You will agree that much has been written in the magazine in the hope that members will develop special interests, numerous editorials have pleaded for the ordinary membership to 'wake up', while a questionnaire recently analysed the particular interests of members, as a sounding board for future articles.

Can we improve our stamp purchasing ability and move away from being general collectors, or am I asking the impossible in the modern period?

#### **Delayed Transmission for Purposes of Security**

Dr. M. W. Carstairs writes:

I was interested in Mr. Asquith's letter as I possess a cover with this handstamp in blue, below which is a tombstone censor mark in the same colour from H.M.C. Ship, Passed by Censor with manuscript date of 31st October.

The cover is franked by a 3 cent stamp of 1937 cancelled with an eight bar killer, and is addressed to East Orange, New Jersey. On the reverse is a pencilled note 'H.M.C.S. Avalon, Newfoundland Recd. Nov. 3 1941'. There is also an adhesive opened by censor label.

As far as I am aware the marking was not intended to cancel the stamp but to inform the addressee of the reason for the delay of the letter, as the writer was on active service.

H.M.C.S. Avalon was a shore establishment at St. Johns, Newfoundland and probably catered for mail from Allied warships in the area.

I think a gremlin must have got in the original letter, as S.G. 459 was not issued until 1953 and could have no connection with V.J. day in 1945.

Mr. G. R. C. Searles writes:

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1972. BLADON, N. E., 24 Bryn Lupus, Drive, Llnarhos, Llandudno, Caernarvonshire, LL30 1SF. C, CG
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1979. HILL, 'Ingle Royde', Halstead Drive, Menston, Ilkley, Yorks. LS29 6NT C, N

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872. BARNA, E., 203 Seacliff Drive W., Leamington, Ont., Canada N8H 3Y7.
1524. BIRKENHEAD, M., 8 Hollow Lane, Hayling Island Hants.

### Deaths

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|-------------------|-----------------------------|
| 747. BINNS, H. G. | 1374. GILBERT, J. H. E. RDP |
| 316. HOWE, B.     | 689. ELTON-BARRATT,         |



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| 565. LISLE, F. B.       | Maj. S. G. R.       |
| 833. GILES, W. V.       | 184. BIRD, J., FCPS |
| 341. BONAR, J. J., FCPS | 1543. HARRIS, F. N. |
| 793. BROOKS, G. S.      | 1819. HENSON, R.    |

#### Resignations

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|------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 1397. BAKER, R. H.,    | 1856. BARNES, G. G.         |
| 144. BRICKER, F.       | 1764. MARGULIS, M.          |
| 1455. ALLEN, L.        | 1297. RIMINGTON, T. G.      |
| 1549. COTTENDEN, D. G. | 1122. SCIEWICK SMITH, E. F. |
| 1617. DAVIES, B.       | 1190. THOMAS, A. R.         |

#### Corrections to last listing and/or Year Book

1937. BAKER, W. E., P.O. Box 26 Santa Rosa, Cal., 95402, USA.  
 1940. PPRICHARD, Lt. Col. M. C., FRPS, Gobion Manor, Abergavenny, Mon.  
 804. SYMONDS, C., 9 Elm Drive, St. Ives, Huntingdon, PE17, 4TH  
 1938. WYSE, R. N. code should be GIT 2R5.

#### Change of Address

1469. AITKEN, H. D., Apt. 404, 220, Fletcher Street N. Chilliwack, B.C., V2P 5A1  
 422. ALLEN, J. Millar, 368 Doagh Road, Newtown Abbey, Co. Antrim, Northern Ireland.  
 1910. BEATTY, R. H., P.O. Box 32, 401 Bay Street, Toronto, Ont., Canada, M5H 2Z1.  
 1933. BEAUPRE, M., Casier Postal 1, Quebec H.V., P.Q., Canada GIR, 4M8  
 861. BUCK, L., 5375 King Edward Avenue, Montreal H4V 2J9.  
 1489. BENNINGEN, J., 157 Wildwood Drive, S.W., Calgary, Alta, T3C 3C7.  
 1776. CHURLEY, G. H., 221-220 Seventh Street, New Westminster, B.C., Canada, V3M 3K4.  
 1805. DODWELL, H. K., Panitola TE and PO, Upper Assam, PIN 786183, India.  
 1660. EDWARDS, R., 79 Saughall Road, Blacon, Chester, Cheshire.  
 839. FRANK, Dr. J., 50 Cotswold Drive, Saxonnold, Johannesburg 2001, S. Africa.  
 1444. FRASER, R. T., Box 8, Rossland, B.C., VOG, 1Y0.  
 84. HETHERINGTON, R. B., 45A Graham Road, Worthing, Sussex, BN11 1TL.  
 582. GARDNER, D., Hillfoot, Beith, Ayrshire, KA15 2JF.  
 1868. GIBSON, R. F., 1111 Eastmoor Blvd., Columbus, Ohio, 43209, USA.  
 1050. GARRETT, C. B. D., 6461 Douglas Street, West Vancouver, B.C., Canada.  
 1803. FRASER, D. A., cancel 9 after Winnipeg and add code R3M 1C5.  
 1854. GOUGH, M. F., 201 Willoughby House, Barbican, London, EC2 Y 8BL.  
 1554. CROSS, J., Laubova 2—Vinohrady 130 00, Praha 3, Czechoslovakia.  
 1478. GUILLE, C. R., 61 Richview Road, Apt. 1809, Islington, Ont., Canada, MGA 4M8.  
 743. HICKMAN, K. M., 48A Bullfinch Lane, Riverhead, Sevenoaks, Kent.  
 1788. HARRIS, PP. H., 10 Whitton Close, Lowstoft, Suffolk.  
 1837. LAINE, E. W., cancel 409 after Montreal and add code HIT 3G5.

1720. LEE, R. A., P.O. Box 91175, West Vancouver, B.C., V7V 3N6.  
 119. LEES-JONES, R. W. T., R.D.P., F.R.P.S.L., F.C.P.S., Merridale,  
 Plumley Moor Road, Plumbley, Nr Knutsford, Cheshire.  
 1044. LAMONT, R. A., Balgedie Toll Tavern, Nr. Kinross, Scotland.  
 1765. MACLEOD, K. J., 1968 Meldrum Ave. Ottawa, Ont., K1J 6H7,  
 Canada.  
 398. KEANE, F. W. L., 306-1955 Ashgrove Street, Victoria, B.C., Canada,  
 V8R 4N8.  
 1894. KELMAN, F. S., 400 Walmer Road (West Tower) Apt. 2106, Toronto.  
 683. MCGREGOR, A. F. L., 73 Hammerfield Road, Aberdeen AB1 6LD.  
 1683. MARK, K. Y., International House, 18 Hsin YI Road, Section 3,  
 Taipei, Taiwan.  
 385. NICOLL, Miss D., 40 Calderbrook Avenue, Burnley, Lancs. BB11 4RD.  
 1878. METROPOLITAN TORONTO LIBRARY cancel 28 after Toronto, add  
 code M5T 1R3.  
 1541. HOULE, L. D., Apt. 312, 81 York Road, Kitchener, Ont., N2G 1T6.  
 1050. RICHARDSON, S. T., P.O.Box 3011, Postal Station B., Calgary, Alta.,  
 T2M 4L6.  
 1870. SALMON, A., Windy Hills, Column Road, West Kirkby Wirral L48  
 1LH, Cheshire.  
 74. TOMLINSON, F., 2 Ford Close, Bridge, Canterbury, Kent (and  
 delete FRPSL).  
 1684. SANDERSON, Dr. D., 31 Adare Drive, Coventry, CV3 6AP.  
 1643. SHERRATT, T., 44 Boughton Street, St. John's, Worcester WR2 4HE,  
 Words.  
 1671. VERITY, D. M., P.O. Box 849, Burlington Ont., L7R 3Y7.  
 177. WALBURN, H. G., Box 731, Kelowna, B. C., Canada, VIY 7P4.  
 1881. SALISBURY, R. G., Now Box 277 instead of P.O. Box 6.  
 1775. WEST, M.R. 81 Cambridge Road, Crowthorne, Berks.  
 1799. TAY, PP. H., No. 6E Lion Towers, Essex Road, Singapore, (11).  
 758. WRIGHT, G. H., 7 Hayes Avenue, Queen's Park, Bournemouth.  
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| 1751. ALDEN, J.          | 8J       | 1050. RICHARDSON, S. T. |          |
| 1548. BURNYEAT, C. E.    |          | T2M OB9                 |          |
| 72. COHEN, S. F.         | B15 3QE  | 1631. BELLE, L. H.,     | LG8 ORU  |
| 471. GEORGE, E.          | G76 7SE  | 976. BARLOW, K.,        | V7S 2J2  |
| 991. LaBIERRE, L.        | N9B 2E5  | 1697. HERBERT, Dr. F.   | H3Y 1A6  |
| 130. JACKSON, A. P.      | PE21 9DY | 1108. KIRKBY, A. E.,    | M4N 1Z9  |
| 1220. MELVIN, G. H.      | VIT 1H3  | 1836. McCALLUM          | H93 5B9  |
| 253. HARPER, G. B.       | RG10 8DX | 1602. GOODHELPSON, F.,  | T6B ON9  |
| 1290. WILKINSON, F. G.   |          | 1745. LINNELL, V. A.    | H3X 3R5  |
| LIA 2M1                  |          | 167. CARN, L. D.,       | BM22 8LT |
| 1181. WHIPPLE, A. E.     | L2S 2E5  | 1555. SUTTON, J. F. H.  | ME16 OBS |
| 1345. St. LAURENT, J. C. |          | 721. PELLETIER, N.      | M6E 3A7  |
|                          |          | 1063. BEDWELL, S. F.,   | VOE 2TO  |
|                          |          | 1584. YOUNG, J. E.,     | M4N 1KS  |
566. LEACY, J. G., Street No. 27 instead of 15.  
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