



The Philatelic Scene During the Admiral Era

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Presentation to the

Canadian Philatelic Society of
Great Britain

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Outline

- Collectors
- Dealers
- Organized philately
 - Societies
 - Publications
 - Events



Key references

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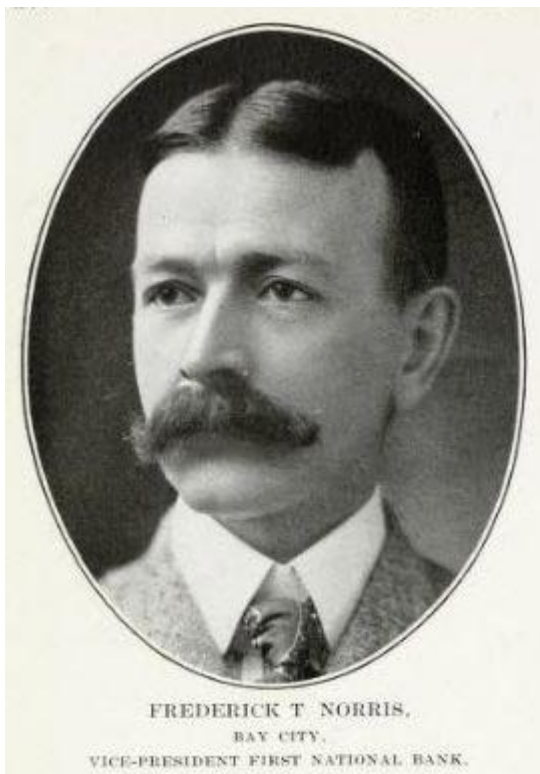


Dr. LEWIS L. REFORD
Collection
of
CANADA
Part Four
May 22-24, 1951

HARMER, ROCKE & Co., Inc.
560 Fifth Ave. New York 19, N. Y.

Collectors

Frederick T. Norris (1862/63?-1945)



- Infamous for by-favour imperfcs and part-perfs
- Obtained Admiral plate imprint strips
 - Directly from the Post Office Dept., not a post office
 - Acquired scarce plate numbers
 - 1¢ War Tax, plates 9, 10
 - 3¢ carmine, plates 118-120

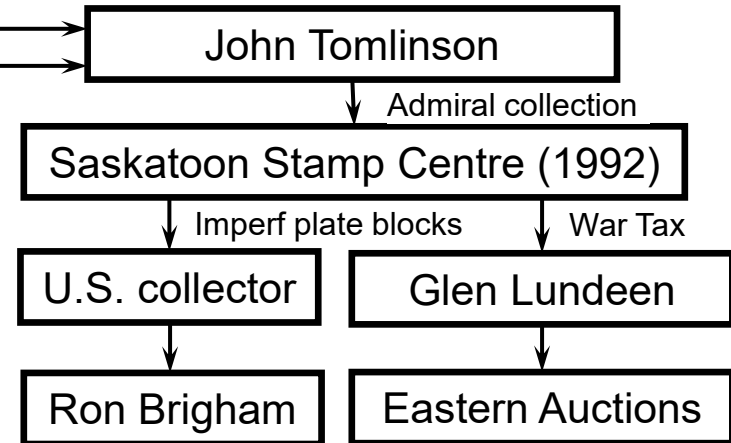
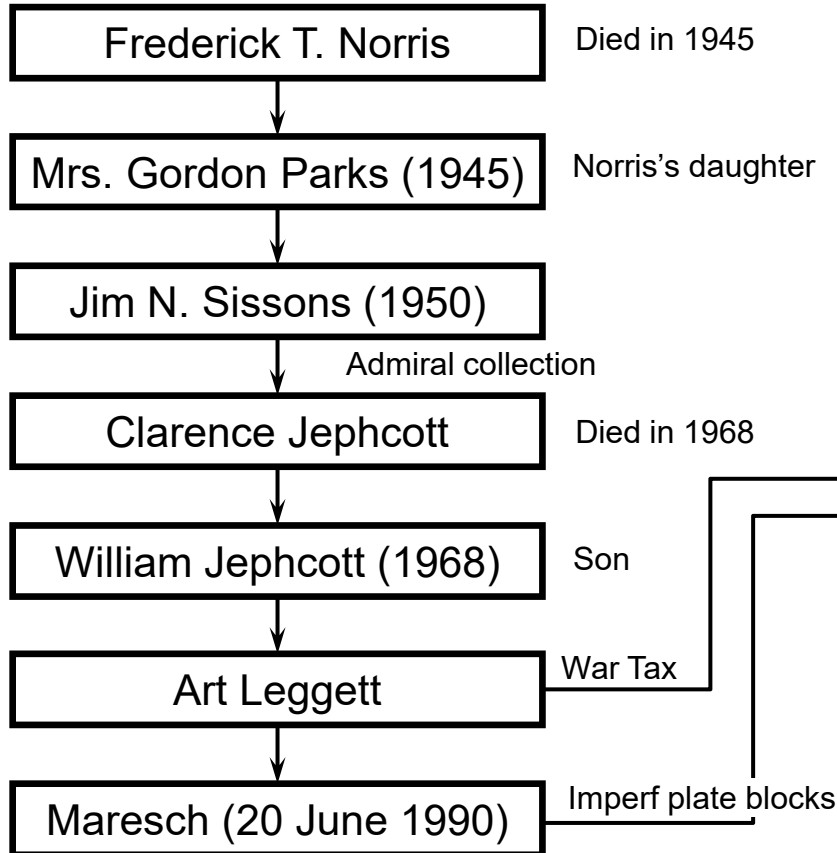


Frederick T. Norris (1862/63?-1945)

- Born in Glen Falls, NY
- Worked for Folsom & Arnold Lumber Co. in Bay City, MI
 - Travelled to Georgian Bay area, ON
- Legal representation in Canada was William Mulock
 - Postmaster General 1896 to 1905
- 1902 – Vice-president of First National Bank of Bay City, MI



Frederick T. Norris Admiral collection

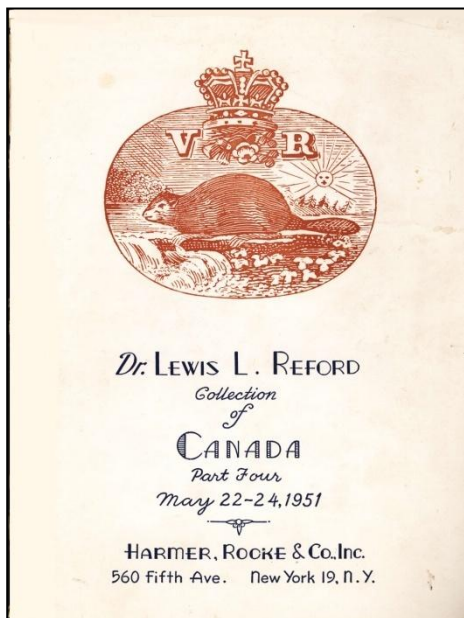


Dr. Lewis L. Reford (1879-1949)



- 1904 – Medical degree at McGill
- Post-graduate at Johns Hopkins Hospital, Baltimore and Germany
- 1911 – Joined surgical staff of the Royal Victoria Hospital in Montreal
- 1915-1919 – Served as a medical officer and surgeon with the Canadian Army Medical Corps in England and France
- 1915 – Married Jean McIntyre
 - Daughter of Duncan McIntyre, Vice President CPR in 1881 and a founder of Bell Telephone Co. of Canada

Dr. Lewis L. Reford (1879-1949)



- 1916 – Began collecting seriously
- One of the best BNA collections of his time
 - 1925 – Won in most BNA categories in the 3rd Canadian Philatelic Exhibition in Montreal
- Serious student
 - Extensive notes but few publications
- 1949 – died on 31 May
 - Notes lost after his death
- 1950-1951 – Collection sold by Harmer, Rooke & Co. Inc. in 5 auctions
 - Total realization: \$253,774

Dr. Lewis L. Reford (1879-1949)

Robert Wilson Reford

(1831-1913)

1st Margaret Taylor McCord (1861)
(1836-1862)

2nd Katherine Sheriff Drummond (1866)
(1844-1938)

Immigrated from Ireland age 14
Settled in Montreal
Became a wealthy shipping
magnate and industrialist

Robert Wilson
(1867-1951)

Mary Elsie Stephen
Meighen (m 1894)
(1872-1967)

Andrew Drummond
(1869-1948)

Grace
(1871-1875)

Sally Edith
(1874-1970)

Katharine Florence
(1877-1966)

Lewis Lawrence
(1879-1949)

Jean McIntyre (m 1915)
(1879-1970)

Robert Wilson Reford
Pioneer photographer and art and
documents collector

Elsie Reford
At age 55, created Les Jardins de
Métis near Rimouski, QC



REFORD SASK
JUN 17 / 10

Opened: 24 June 1909
Closed: 28 Nov. 1915

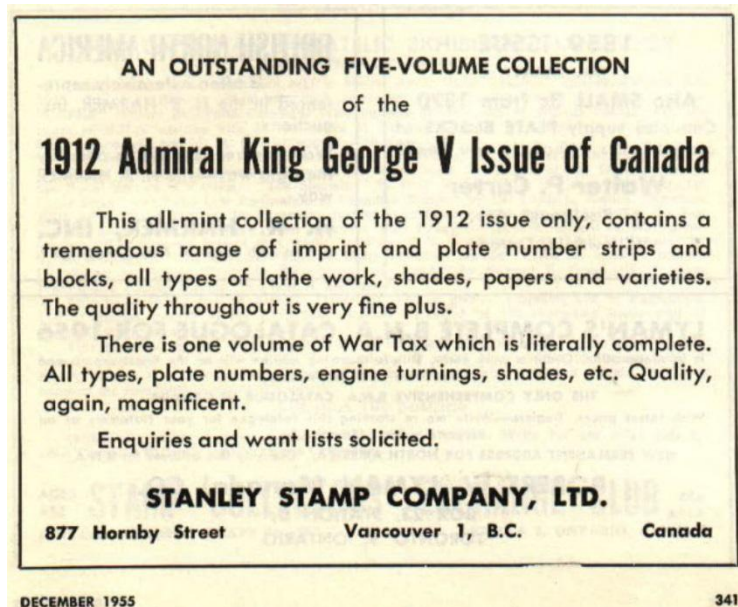
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Major K. Hamilton White (? - ?)



- Bought Admiral plate imprints and lathework in strips of 10 or 20 from post offices
 - Jotted the purchase date and location in pane margin
- Compiled 1st two editions of *The Canada Plate Block Catalogue*
 - First comprehensive listing of plate blocks
 - Published by the Stanley Stamp Co. of Vancouver (Frederick E. Eaton)
 - With 4th edition, rights were sold to Kasimir Bileski of Winnipeg

Major K. Hamilton White (? - ?)



BNA Topics, Vol. 12, No 11, Dec. 1955

- 1950 – Joined BNAPS
 - Chaired Canadian Plate Block Study Group
 - Chaired Canadian Variety Study Group
 - Among the earliest BNAPS study groups
- 1955 – Retired from philately
 - Five-volume Admiral collection sold by Stanley Stamp Co.

J. C. Cartwright (1888-1973)



Photo taken at the
1951 CPSGB
convention

- 1888 – Born in Wiltshire, England
- Went to Oxford University
- Joined his parents in Birtle, Manitoba
- 1922 – Helped found the Yorkton Stamp Society (YSS)
 - Was its first President
- 1923 – YSS organised the First National Philatelic Exhibition
- 1933-1936, 1940-1943 – President of the Winnipeg Philatelic Society
- 1945 – Returned to England
- 1950 – Chairman of the Philatelic Congress of Great Britain
- 1950 – Fellow of the Canadian Philatelic Society of Great Britain
 - 1951 – President of CPSGB
- 1956 – Invited to sign the Roll of Distinguished Philatelists

Fred Jarrett (1888-1979)



- 1888 – Born in Huntsville, ON
- Travelled extensively for Underwood typewriters
 - Champion speed typist at age 19
- World War I – Served overseas as private secretary to Sir Edward Kemp, Minister of Overseas Military Forces
- Full-time stamp dealer for about three years, then part-time
- Manager of the Canadian branch of Gregg Publishing Co.
 - Mastered shorthand and promoted textbooks to colleges and high schools across Canada
- Returned to Underwood until his retirement

Fred Jarrett (1888-1979)

Stampin' Around
or
The Life of a Stamp Collector

by
Fred Jarrett, FRPSL, RDP, OC

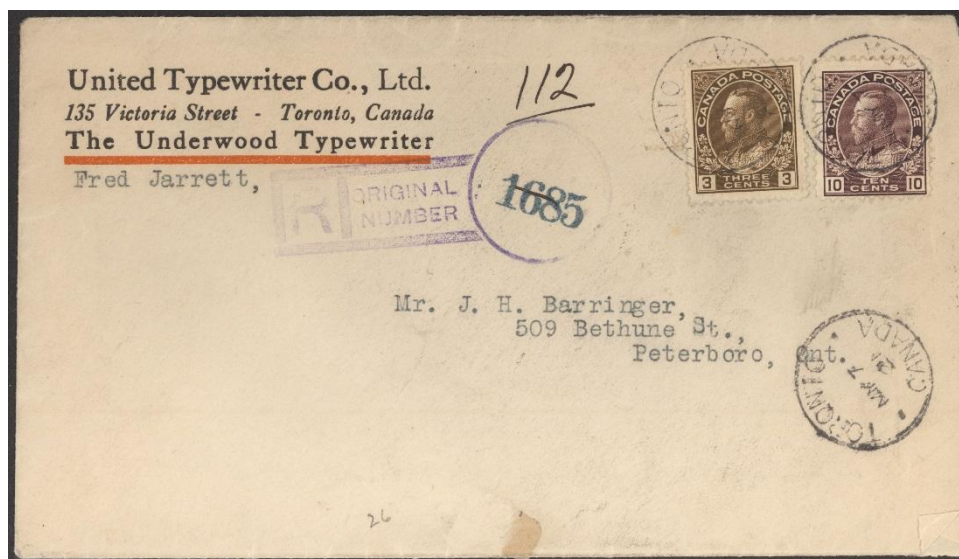
Edited by
Merrick Jarrett
Gray Scrimgeour

Published by the Postal
History Society of
Canada, 2004

- Started collecting as a schoolboy
- 1923, 1926 – BNA stamp catalogues
- 1929 – *Stamps of British North America*
 - 600+ page magnum opus
 - Extensive coverage of postmarks and cancellations
- 1959-1961 – BNA collection sold by J. N. Sissons Ltd.
 - Sold in eight auctions
 - Realized more than \$210,000
- Revenue, Newfoundland collections sold separately

Fred Jarrett (1888-1979)

- 1923-1924, 1927 – President of the Canadian Philatelic Society (now the RPSC)
- 1935 – First Canadian invited to sign the Roll of Distinguished Philatelists
- Fellow of the RPSL
- 1951 – Fellow of the Canadian Philatelic Society of Great Britain
- 1961 – Fellow of the RPSC
- 1968 – Inducted into the BNAPS Order of the Beaver
- 1974 – Invested into the Order of Canada for contributions to philately



Cover from Jarrett with United Typewriter Co., Ltd. corner card
Dated MY 7 / 21

Frank W. Campbell (1885-1983)



- 1885 – Born in Tilbury, ON
- ~1895 – Moved to U.S.
- 1897 – Worked as a typesetter
- 1916-1918 – In Canadian Militia; transferred to the U.S. Army in France
- ~1920 – Ran nursery in the Detroit area
- 1926 – Married
- 1930s – Served with the U.S. Army of Occupation in Germany
- 1940s – Ran greenhouse in Royal Oak, MI

Frank W. Campbell (1885-1983)



- Started collecting at age 10
- 1943 – Wrote the Admiral section of L. Seale Holmes catalogue
- Studied precancels
- Most famous today for his postal history contributions
- 1953 – Fellow of the Canadian Philatelic Society of Great Britain
- 1968 – Retired from active philately
- 1970 – Fellow of the Royal Philatelic Society of Canada
- 1975 – Postal History Society of Canada's first Citation of Merit

Sample documentation
Notes on 5¢ blue retouches

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J. O. Labrecque (1860-1945)

- Born in Montreal
- 1883 – Married Cordelia Galaise
- 1888 – Founded J. O. Labrecque Cousineau Cie.
 - Became J. O. Labrecque & Cie.
 - One of the largest coal businesses of Montreal
- Well known for his philanthropy
- 1901 – Remarried
- Collected coins at school; sold in 1887
- Became one of the most important francophone philatelists
- 1925 – Honorary Vice-President of the 3rd Canadian Philatelic Exhibition in Montreal
 - Displayed five exhibits: Canadian War Tax, Philatelic Oddities, Greece, Mexico, Uruguay
- 1933 – Named Honorary President when Union philatélique de Montréal was formed



Cover from Labrecque to fellow
philatelist Dr. J. Edgar Tanguay
Dated MR ? / 27

Senator James A. Calder (1868-1956)



- 1868 – Born on a farm in Oxford County, ON
- ~1881 – Moved to Winnipeg
- 1888 – Graduated from University of Manitoba
- Received a teaching certificate & taught in various rural schools
- 1891 – Principal of the Moose Jaw High School
- 1901-1905 – Deputy Commissioner of Education in the North-West Territories
- 1905 – Commissioner of Education and Provincial Treasurer in the first Cabinet under Premier Walter Scott in newly formed Province of Saskatchewan
- 1905 – Elected in South Regina in the first general election
- 1912 – Minister of Railways, Telephones and Highways
- 1917 – Moved to federal politics
 - [Joined Robert Borden's Union government](#)
- 1921 – Appointed to the Senate

Senator James A. Calder (1868-1956)

- Developed an interest in philately at an early age
- Early 1920s – Started specializing in the 1859 First Cents
- 1939 – Wrote *Some Phases of the Canada '59 Issue*
- Collected the Law stamps of the western provinces
- 1923 – Honorary President of the Yorkton Stamp Society
- 1925 – Honorary President of the 3rd Canadian Philatelic Exhibition in Montreal
- 1926 – Vice-President of the International Philatelic Exhibition of New York
- Fellow of the Royal Philatelic Society, London
- 1947 – Invited to sign the Roll of Distinguished Philatelists



Admiral 1¢ green fanciful bisect
sent to Calder in Regina, SK.
Dated NOV 26 / 1913.

Isaac Pitblado (1867-1964)



- 1867 – Born in Glenelg, NS
- Went to Dalhousie University
- 1882 – Moved to Winnipeg
- 1890 – Graduated from the University of Manitoba and called to the bar
- 1909 – King's Counsel
- 1917-1920 – President of the Manitoba Law Society
- 1917-1924 – Chairman of the Board of Governors, University of Manitoba
- 1934 – Elected president of the Canadian Bar Association

Isaac Pitblado (1867-1964)

- Began collecting 1877 “Provisional” issue of Manitoba Law stamps
 - 1925 – Won award at the 3rd National Philatelic Exhibition in Montreal
- Prepared list of Manitoba Law stamps
 - In Kelsey Hall revenue catalogue
 - Basis of the Manitoba section in Jarrett’s B.N.A. Handbook
- Formed a fine collection of BNA postage stamps
 - Owned two 12d blacks
 - One illustrated in Jarrett’s book
- 1951 – Member of the jury at CAPEX



Registered cover from revenue stamp dealer E. W. Oughtred of Montreal to Isaac Pitblado (addressed to his law firm) dated 4 July 1923



Dealers

George A. Lowe (1867-1942)



- 1880 – Became a stamp dealer (Toronto Philatelic Company)
- Took over publication of the *Toronto Philatelic Journal* with Vol. 2, No. 4, Oct. 1887
 - Official organ of the Canadian Philatelic Association in 1888
- 1889 – Opened Lowe's Commercial Academy, a shorthand and bookkeeping school
- 1890s – Involved in forming the Toronto Philatelic Society and the Toronto Philatelic Club
 - 1923 – Became the Toronto Stamp Collectors' Club

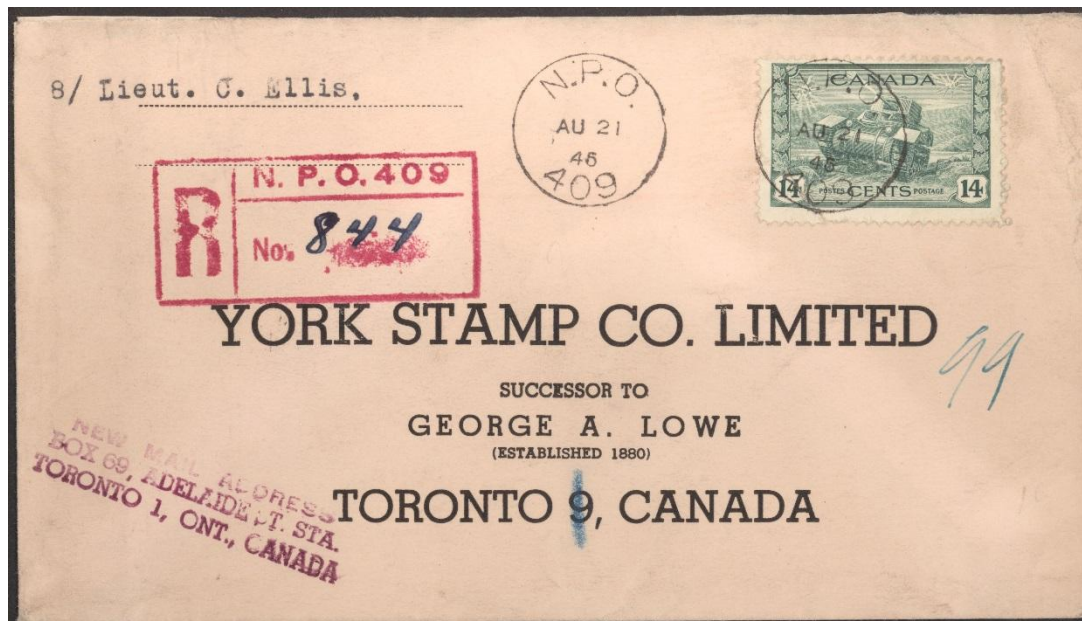
George A. Lowe (1867-1942)



- 1896 – Quit the bookkeeping school to open a store as a full-time dealer
 - Dealt in “stamps, coins, medals, swords, and firearms”
- 1918 – Bought remainders of the Admiral 1¢ green endwise coil with two large holes added
 - Two-day failed experiment using a post office vending machine in Toronto
- 1925 – Published a BNA catalogue
 - 40 pages of listings and 45 of notes
- 1942 – Died on 24 May

York Stamp Co. (1867-1942)

- York Stamp Co. Ltd., “successor to Geo. A. Lowe Ltd.”, took over Lowe’s store at 47 Adelaide St. East
 - Owned by Gordon H. Crouch and Robert G. Crouch
 - Gordon H. Crouch was with Marks Stamp Co. in the 1920s
- York Stamp Co. was still in operation in 1970



Registered cover to York
Stamp Co. Ltd.

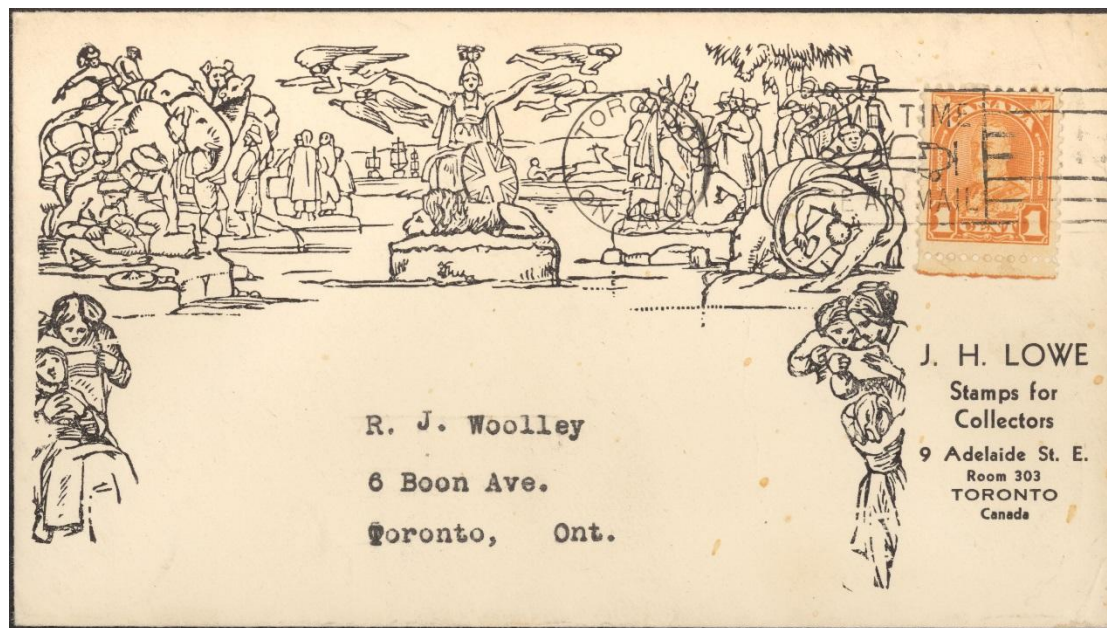
Dated AU 21 / 46.

The sender is Christopher C.
Ellis. He edited the first
issue of the RPSC's
Canadian Philatelist in 1950.

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John H. Lowe (? -1955)

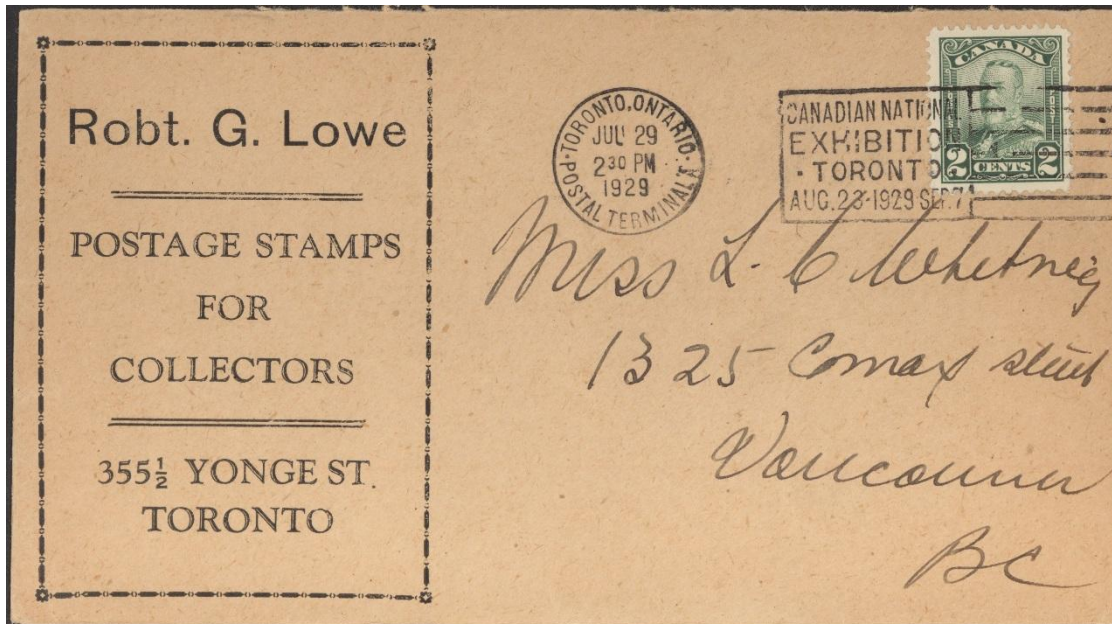
- John Hulme Lowe was George A. Lowe's younger brother
 - Operated a stamp store at 9 Adelaide St. East in Toronto
- Died in 1955 at age 78



Cover from John H. Lowe, early 1930s, no date in cancel, to Robert J. Woolley, BNAPS President, 1967-1968

Robert (Bert) G. Lowe (? - ?)

- Son of George A. Lowe
- ~1925 – Joined his father's business
 - Renamed George A. Lowe & Son
- ~1927 – In his early 20s, Bert set up his own store
- 1940s – Joined Marks Stamp Co.
- 1950s – Left Marks and settled at 37 Victoria St.
- 1967 – Retired
 - George S. Wegg purchased his stock and continued at 37 Victoria St. until 1974



Cover from Robert (Bert) G. Lowe dated JUL 29 / 1929

Elly Marks (1879-1938) – Marks Stamp Co.



- 1879 – Born in Toronto
- 1893 – Left school to work at the wholesale hardware firm that employed his father
 - In the evenings, he worked on stamp sales
- 1896 – Became a full time dealer
 - Worked from home on McCaul St.
- 1907 – Largest stamp business in Canada
 - 25 to 30 million worldwide stamps in stock
- Published the *EMCO Journal*
 - Official organ of the Canadian Philatelic Society (RPSC) in 1941-1942
- 1927 – Converted the business from a proprietorship to a limited company
 - 80% of the shares went to four employees
 - Leslie Davenport (Vice-President and General Manager)
 - Frank Aretz (Secretary and Assistant General Manager)
 - Gordon H. Crouch (Manager of the Wholesale Dept. and store)
 - Mabel Taylor (Confidential Secretary)
- 1953 – Bought by Empire Stamp Co.

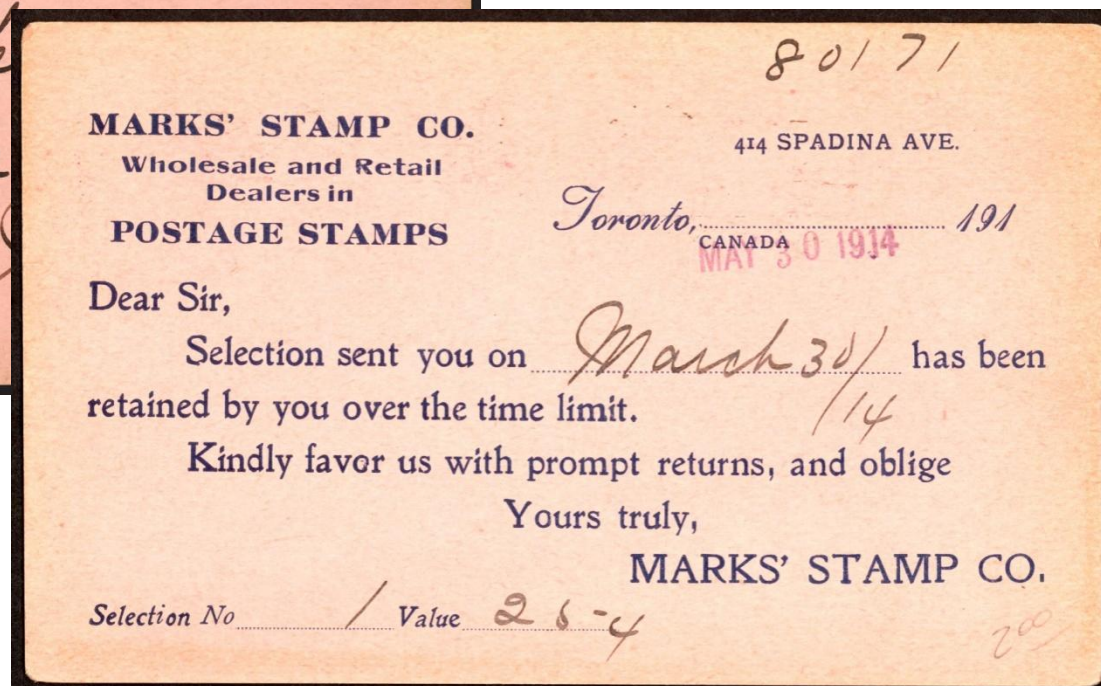
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Marks Stamp Co.



Postcard dated May 30 /
1914 from Marks' Stamp
Co. to a collector

The approvals business was
important in the Admiral era,
and dealers had to contend
with late returns by customers.



Empire Stamp Co.

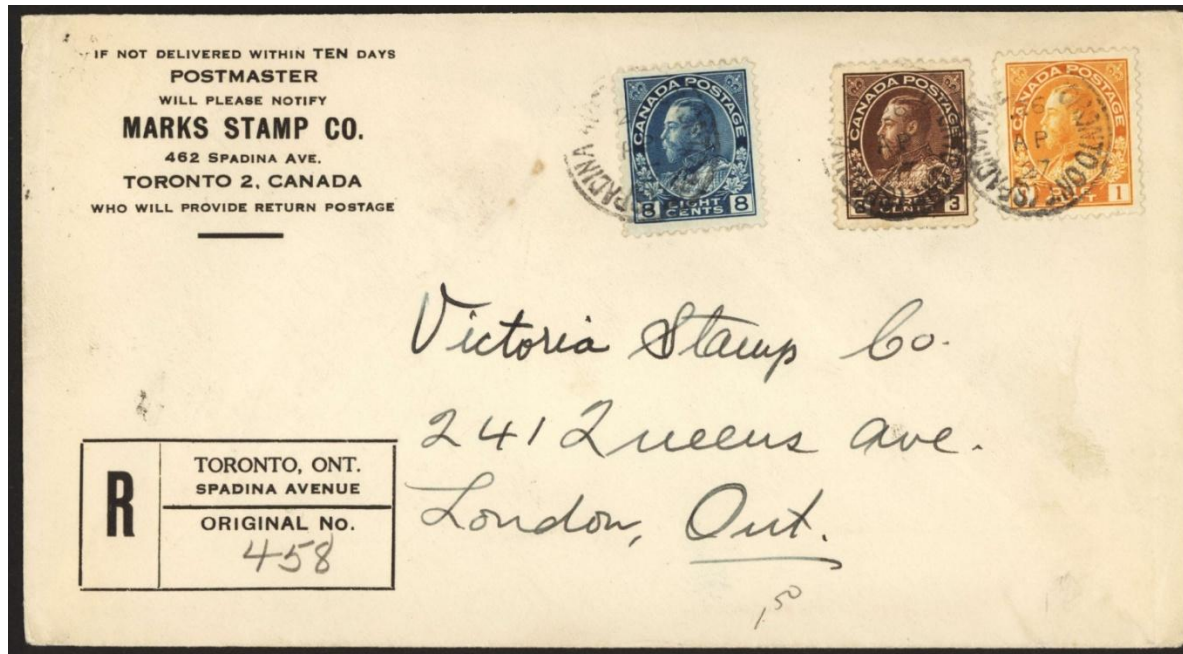


Cover dated
DEC 7 / 1921

- Principals: Harry Martin Sr. and Jr.
 - Harry Martin Jr. noted for his ads in inside front cover of *Canadian Philatelist*
- In the 1930s, bought over 20 million Admiral stamps from Marks Stamp Co.
- In 1953, bought Marks Stamp Co.
 - At the time, Marks stock included a shoe box with about 30,000 20¢ Admirals
- Marks had extensive revenue stamps
 - Empire Stamp Co. eventually sold them to Kasimir Bileski along with the rights to the Revenue Catalogue

Dr. L. Seale Holmes (Victoria Stamp Co.)

- Extensive collections of postal stationery and revenue stamps
- 1935 – Published 1st edition of Holmes catalogue
- 1943 – Bought copyright to Fred Jarrett's book
- 1950 – Retired at the end of the year
- Director, CAPEX 1951



Cover dated AP ? / 1927
from Marks Stamp Co. to
Victoria Stamp Co.

Donald A. King (1864-1934)

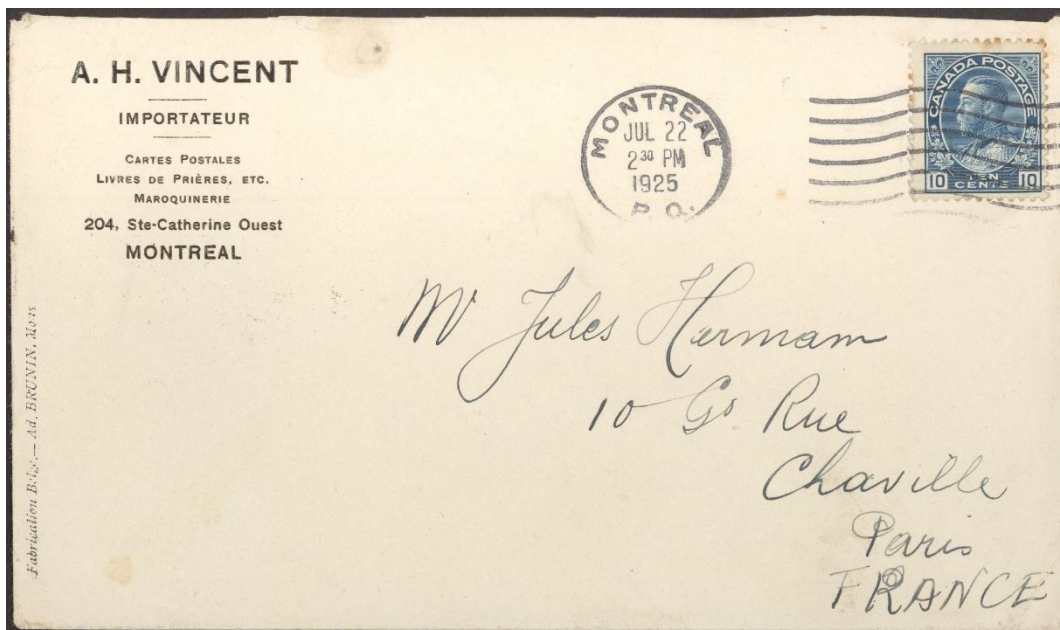


Cover dated AP 3 / 23

- Joined the Halifax Post Office in 1886
- Postmaster from 1 Nov. 1924 until he retired on 1 Nov. 1933
- Began dealing in stamps around 1890 under the name “Emily King”
- With Arthur Bartlett, purchased for \$18,000 the remainders of the Nova Scotia Cents issue found at the Post Office Dept. in Ottawa in Feb. 1896

A.-H. Vincent (1890-1950)

- 1910 – Emigrated from Belgium in 1910 to settle in Montreal
- Opened a stamp store
 - Became one of the best known dealers of Quebec
- Published a BNA catalogue
 - Jointly with York Stamp Co. for the 1947 edition
- A founder of l'Union philatélique de Montréal in 1933
 - Acted as its auctioneer almost continuously until his death in 1950
- The store continued operating until the 1960s or 1970s under Laurent Séguin

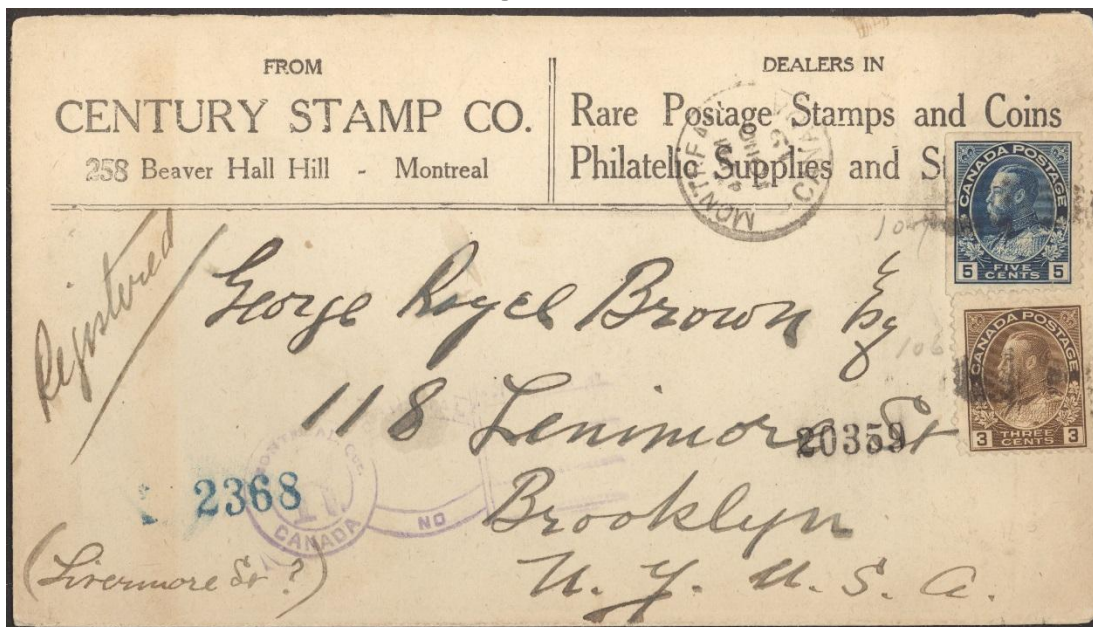


The corner card address is the store Vincent opened in 1918 or 1919. At the time, Vincent imported postcards, prayer books, and leather goods.

Christopher H. Goulden (1875-1950)

Century Stamp Co.

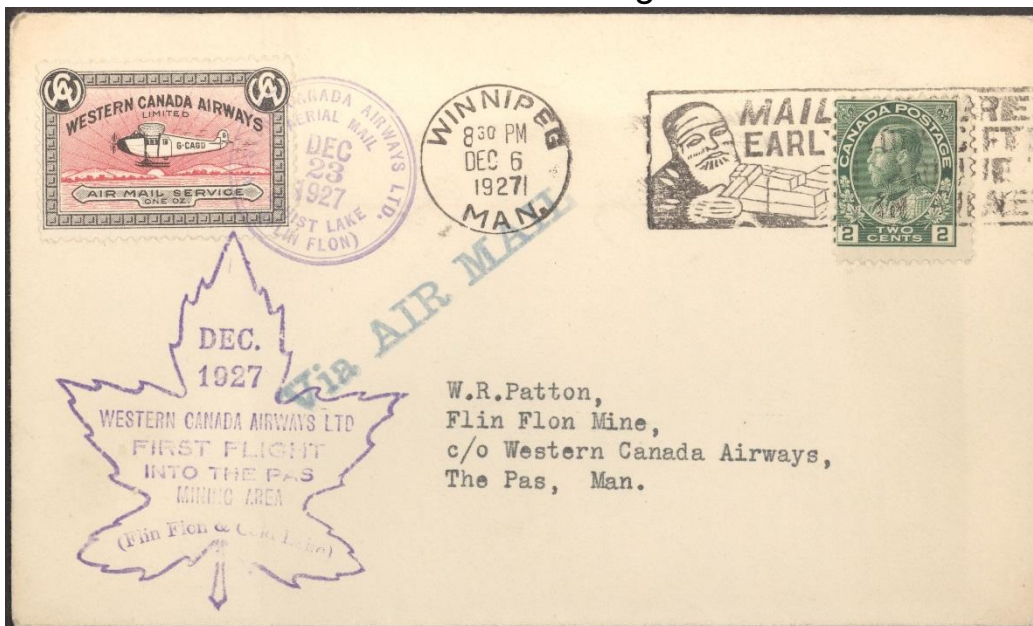
- 1900 – Started a mail order business
- Opened a store in downtown Montreal
 - Sold stamps, a wide range of philatelic supplies, and coins
- 1913-1914 – Published a 116 page catalogue
- 1904 – President of the Canadian Philatelic Association
- 1950 – Operating store when he died on 9 July 1950 at age 74



Cover dated 10 NO / 19

W. R. Patton (? - ?)

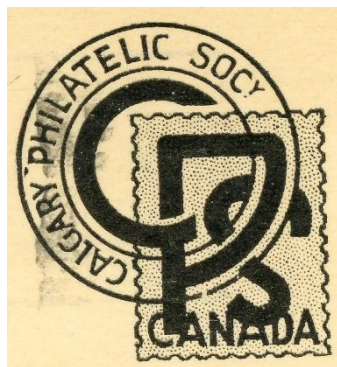
- Cover illustrates three collecting areas that took flight during the Admiral era:
 - Pioneer and first flight covers
 - Semi-official airmail stamps
 - “Advertising” (i.e.: slogan) cancels
- First flight covers were popular in the 1920s and 1930s
 - Patton, a Winnipeg mail-order dealer, was a prolific producer
- 1924-1932 – About a dozen airlines issued semi-official stamps
- The Post Office introduced slogan cancels in 1912



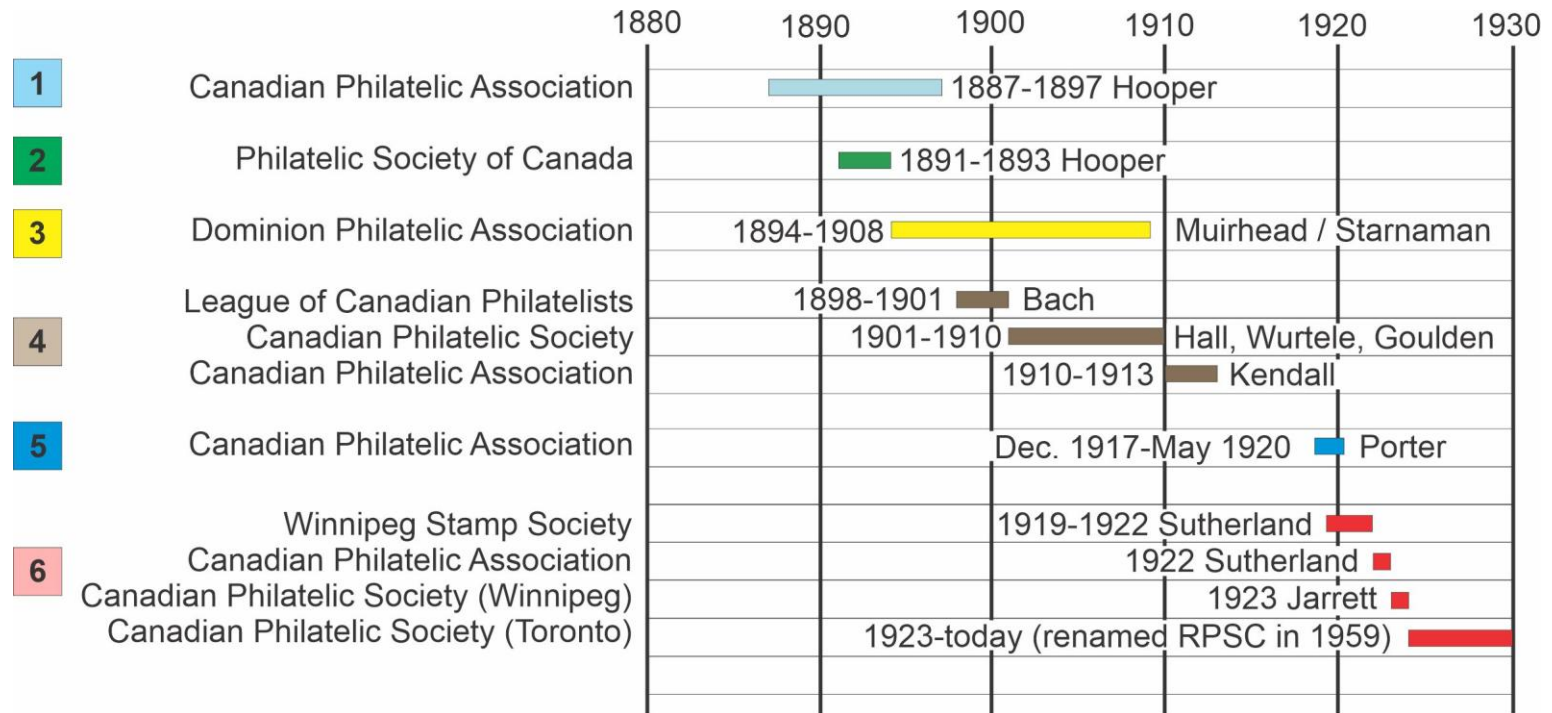
First flight cover for Western Canada Airways Ltd. flight between Schist Lake (Flin Flon) and The Pas, Manitoba on DEC / 23 / 1927



Organized Philately Societies



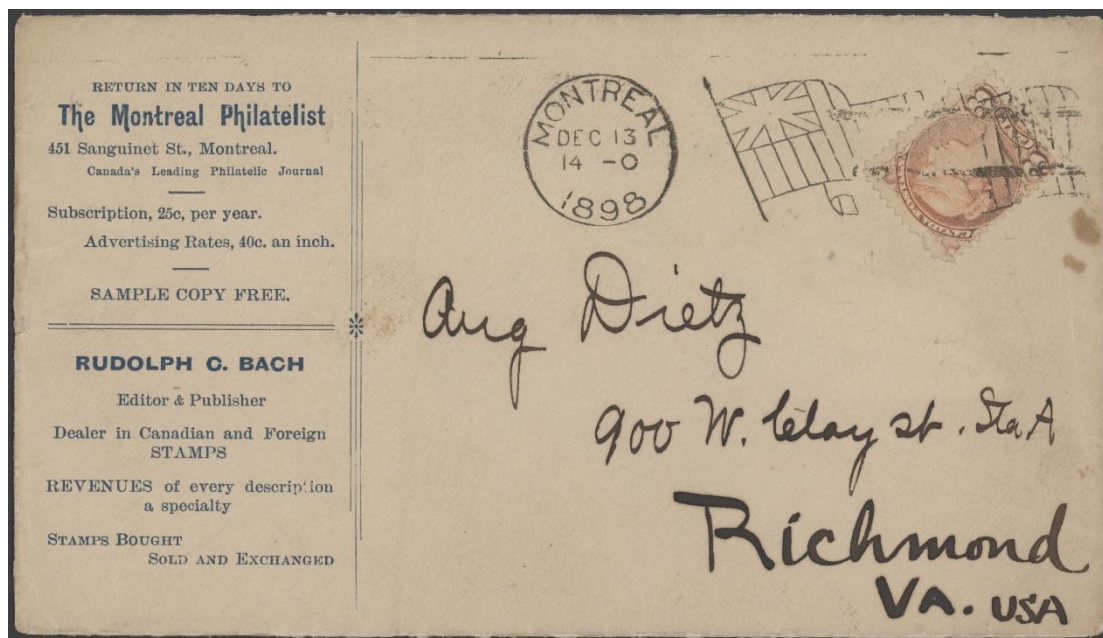
National Societies



- National societies between 1880 and 1930 and key organizers
- Those active at some point during Admiral era
 - 4 LCP/CPS/CPA (1898-1913)
 - 5 CPA (1917-1920)
 - 6 WSS/CPA/CPS/RPSC (1919-today)

- No national society during most of WW I
- Winnipeg Stamp Society (WSS) created in 1919
- Royal Philatelic Society of Canada (RPSC) has a direct lineage back to the WSS

4 LCP / CPS / CPA



- Rudolph C. Bach
 - 1879 – Born in Germany
 - 1890 – Comes to Montreal
 - 1898 – Launches *The Montreal Philatelist* in April
 - 1898 – Forms the League of Canadian Philatelists in September
 - *The Montreal Philatelist* is, of course, the official organ

4 LCP / CPS / CPA



- 1899 – Bach resigns as President
- He volunteers in the Royal Canadian Transvaal Regiment and spends six months in South Africa
- Before leaving Canada, he sells his stamp dealership and *The Montreal Philatelist* to Frederick William Wurtele
 - He fears being prosecuted for counterfeiting New Zealand “pigeon post” stamps
- 1915 – Bach moves from Canada to the U.S.
 - He becomes active in philatelic publishing in New York

Photo: Library and Archives Canada (published in *The Montreal Philatelist*, Vol. 1, No 1, Apr. 1898)

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- 1901 – LCP holds its first convention in Montreal on 1 July
 - The Society's name is changed to the Canadian Philatelic Society
 - William Kelsey Hall is re-elected President
 - Ernest F. Wurtele is elected Vice President
 - He served as President of the CPA founded in 1887 and subsequently the Dominion Philatelic Association
- 1902 – The official organ, *The Montreal Philatelist*, folds with its June issue
 - *The Adhesive*, published in the U.S., becomes the official organ from 1902 to August 1904
 - *Philatelic West and Camera News*, published in Nebraska, is the official organ from January 1905 to December 1908
- 1909 – The CPA chooses *The North American Collector* as its official organ
 - Edited by James Mewhort, Crossfield, AB
 - First appeared in May 1908
 - January 1909 issue
 - First issue as official organ
 - Last issue published

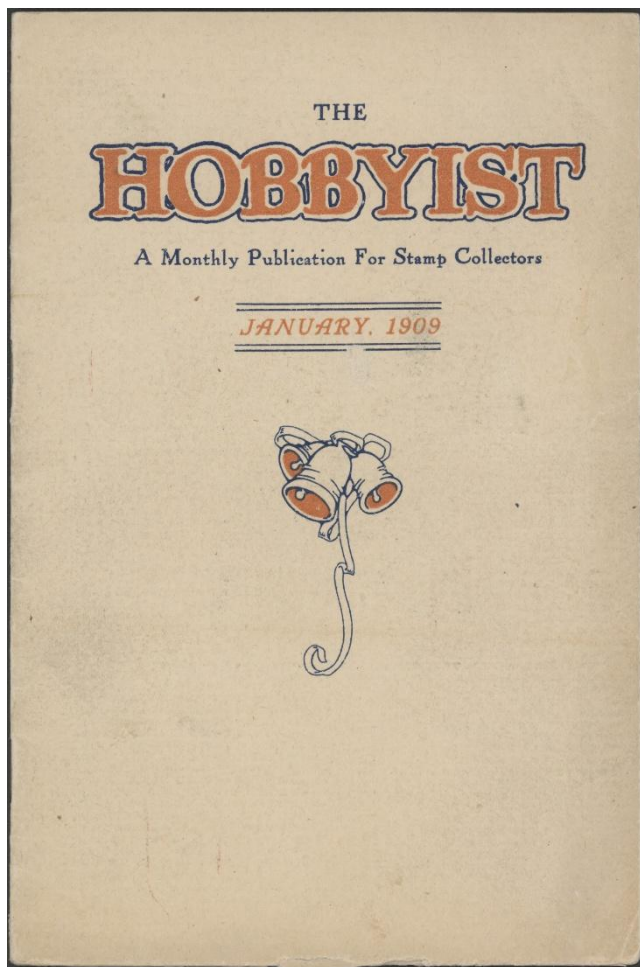
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Photo: *The Hobbyist*,
Vol. 1, No. 9, Sept. 1909

- William Lewis “Original” Kendall
 - 1878 – Born in New Hampshire, U.S.
 - 1906 – Moves to Winnipeg where he established a printing business called the “OK Press”
 - 1909 – Begins publishing *The Hobbyist* in January
 - With its first issue, establishes “The Hobby Club”
 - Kendall’s vision: an international club providing information, sales, exchange, and auction services to philatelists, numismatists, deltiologists, and other collectors
 - *The Hobbyist* is the official organ of the Hobby Club
 - The focus of the journal is philately
 - John Reginald Hooper (founder of the first CPA and the Philatelic Society of Canada) is involved

4 LCP / CPS / CPA



Vol. 1, No. 1, Jan. 1909

- 1909 – In April, *The Hobbyist* becomes the official organ of the Winnipeg Philatelic Association
 - Local Winnipeg society
- 1909 – In June, James Mewhort gives Kendall the *North American Collector* subscription list
 - *The Hobbyist* becomes the official organ of the CPS
 - The first CPS report, written by Secretary-Treasurer R. J. Mundell, appears in Vol. 1, No. 7, July 1909
 - The CPS has 52 members

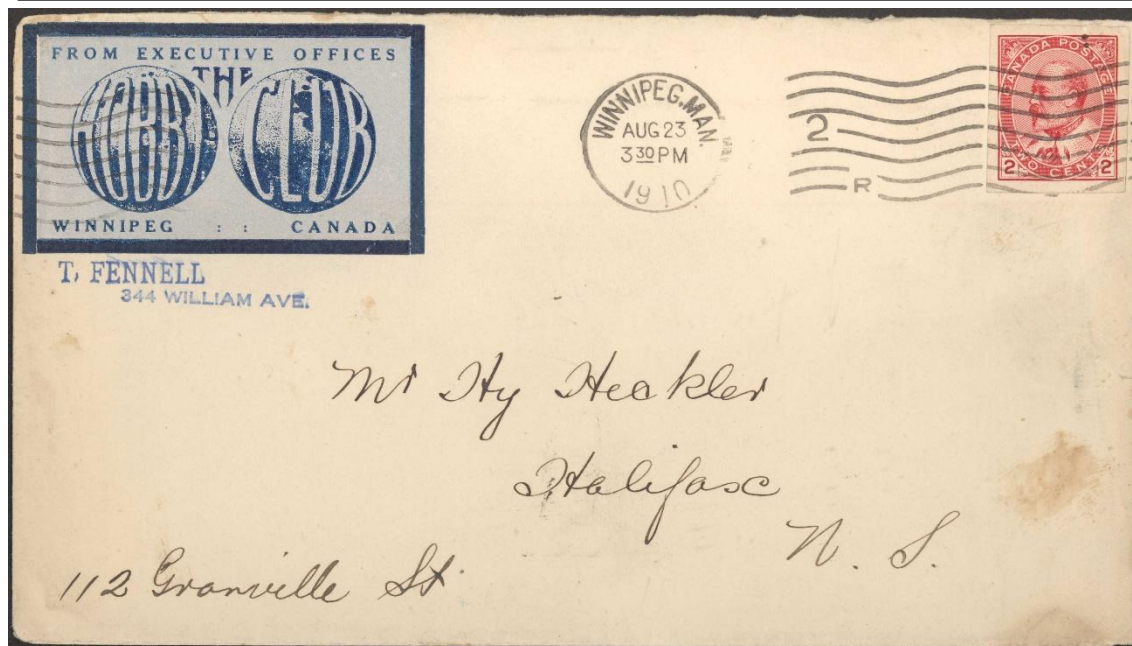
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Gummed labels promoting
The Hobby Club

- 1909 – *The Hobbyist*, Vol. 1, No. 8, Aug.
 - The heading of the CPS report is “Canadian Philatelic **Association**”
 - However, the report title is “CPS Notes”
- 1909 – *The Hobbyist*, Vol. 1, No. 9, Sept.
 - No report
- 1909 – *The Hobbyist*, Vol. 1, No. 10, Oct.
 - Normal CPS report
 - Last one under the CPS name
 - The issue announces the formation of a new national society
 - “A vote will take place for the officers and official organ at the beginning of October”

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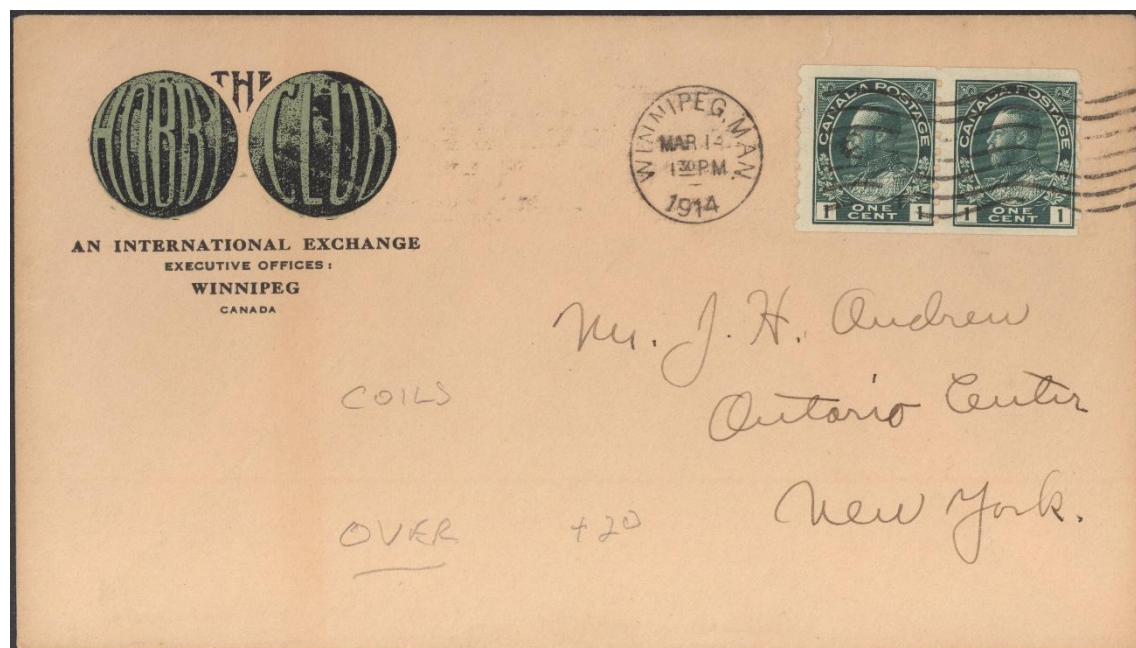


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AUG 23 / 1910 to Henry
Hechler from Tom
Fennell, Hobby Club
Exchange Manager

- 1910 – *The Hobbyist*, Vol. 2, No. 13, Jan.
 - The report title is the **Canadian Philatelic Association**
- 1910 – *The Hobbyist*, Vol. 2, No. 15, Mar.
 - **Completely new slate of CPA officers listed**
 - President: Henry Hechler (second President of the first CPA)
 - Secretary-Treasurer: “Original” Kendal

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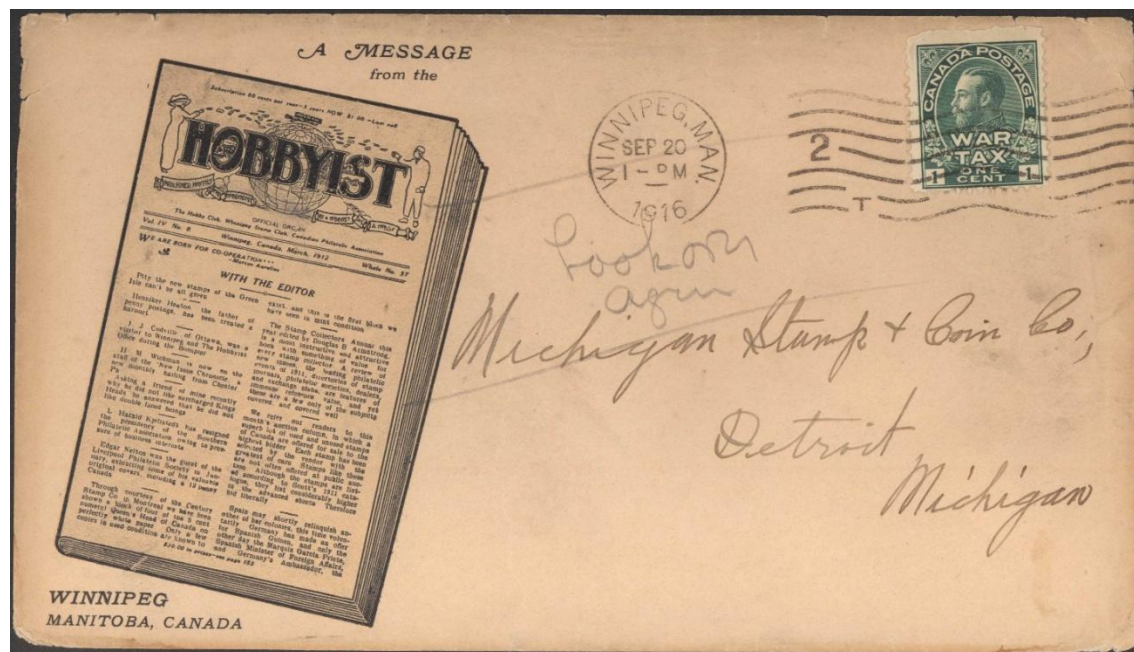
- 1912 – *The Hobbyist*, Vol. 4, No. 7, Feb.
 - “Original” Kendall is the CPA President
 - Henry V. Blackburn is Secretary-Treasurer
 - The CPA has only 50 members
- 1912 – *The Hobbyist*, Vol. 5, No. 2, Sept.
 - Last CPA report



Cover dated MAR 14 / 1914 with
Hobby Club corner card

4 LCP / CPS / CPA

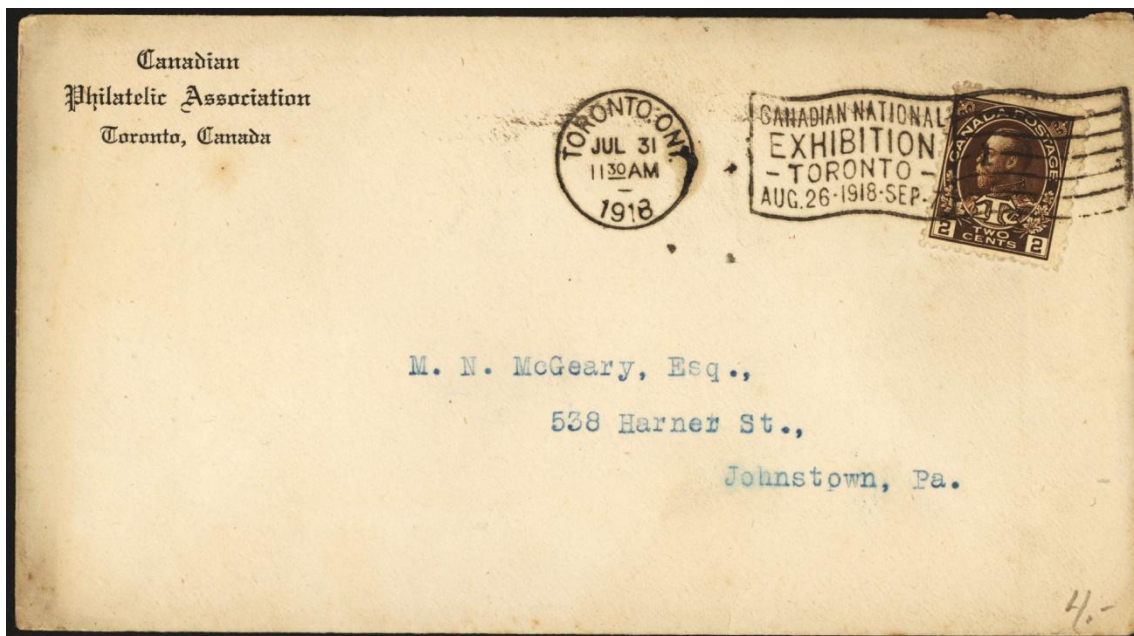
- 1913 – *The Hobbyist*, Vol. 5, No. 9, Apr.
 - Last issue of *The Hobbyist*
- Kendall finds a new official organ for The Hobby Club
 - *Everybody's Philatelist*, published in Oregon
- No official organ found for the CPA
- 1917 – *Everybody's Philatelist* ceases
 - End of The Hobby Club



Cover dated SEP 20 / 1916, three years after *The Hobbyist* folded

5 CPA

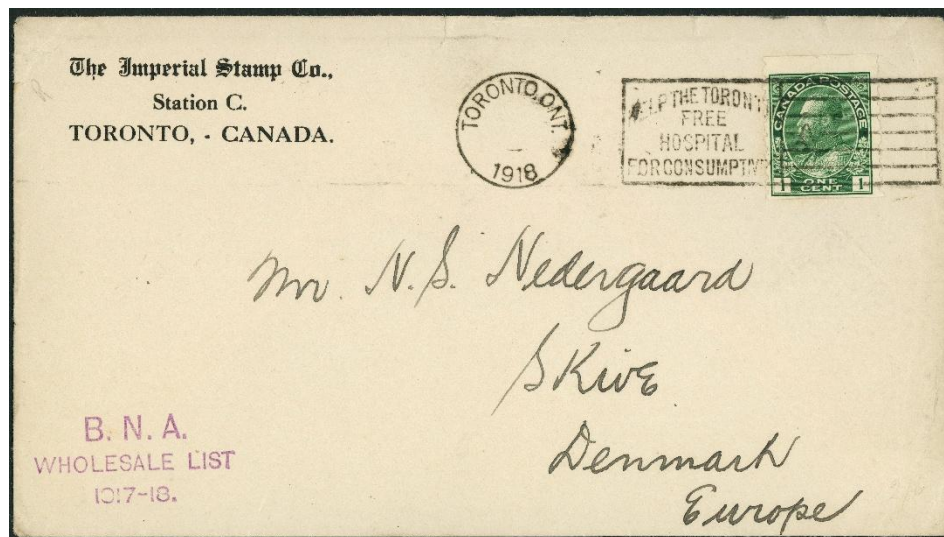
- 1917 – New initiative to form a national society in December
 - Name: Canadian Philatelic Association
 - 3rd iteration of this name
 - President: F. S. Porter of the Imperial Stamp Co., Toronto
 - Secretary-Treasurer: L. A. G. (Guy) Winter



Cover dated JUL 31 / 1918
CPA corner card.
Only cover from the 3rd
CPA that I know of.

Ref: *The Philatelic West and
Collector's World*, Mar. 1918 and
Aug. 1918. Thanks to Yves Drolet
for these references.

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Cover dated 1918 from Imperial Stamp Co., Toronto, to Denmark containing a B.N.A. wholesale list (printed matter)

- 1918 – August report lists Society activities and services
 - Regular meetings, auctions, sales circuit
 - Exchange circuit in the works
- Little known about F. S. Porter
 - A Frank Porter was a member of Toronto Philatelic Club 1892-1893
 - Elected Fellow of the RPSL in 1914
 - Imperial Stamp Co. covers are common between 1911-1922
- L. A. G. (Guy) Winter
 - Member of Toronto Philatelic Club in 1914
 - Displayed Pence collection at a 1918 CPA meeting

5 CPA



- Does the 3rd CPA have an official organ?
 - New journal appears in April 1920
 - *Canadian Stamp Collector*, Hector MacLean editor, published in Brockville, ON
 - Cover of first two issues claims that the journal is the official organ
 - No CPA report in either issue
 - Claim dropped after 2nd issue
 - In 4th issue, MacLean proposes a new national society named Dominion Philatelic Association
 - 3rd CPA must have died by May 1920

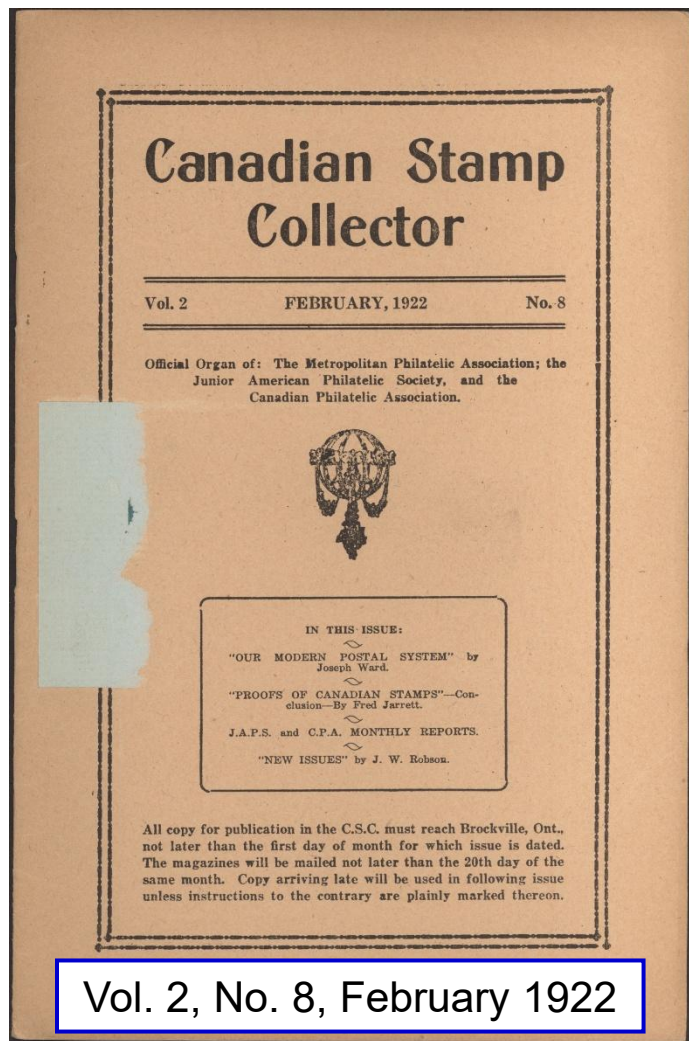
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- 1919 – Winnipeg Stamp Society (WSS) is formed
 - Not long after the Spanish flu pandemic lockdown
 - Winnipeg already has a local society
 - Winnipeg Philatelic Society
 - Invites all Canadians to join
 - Excludes non-Canadians



Vol. 2, No. 8, February 1922

- 1921 – *Canadian Stamp Collector* becomes the official organ of the Winnipeg Stamp Society
 - As of its Feb. issue, Vol. 1, No. 8
 - This is the journal that was going to be the official organ of the 3rd CPA
 - Published and edited by Hector MacLean, Brockville, ON
 - Published 1920-1923, 34 issues
 - WSS did not have an official organ previously
 - Little information available about the WSS before it had an official organ

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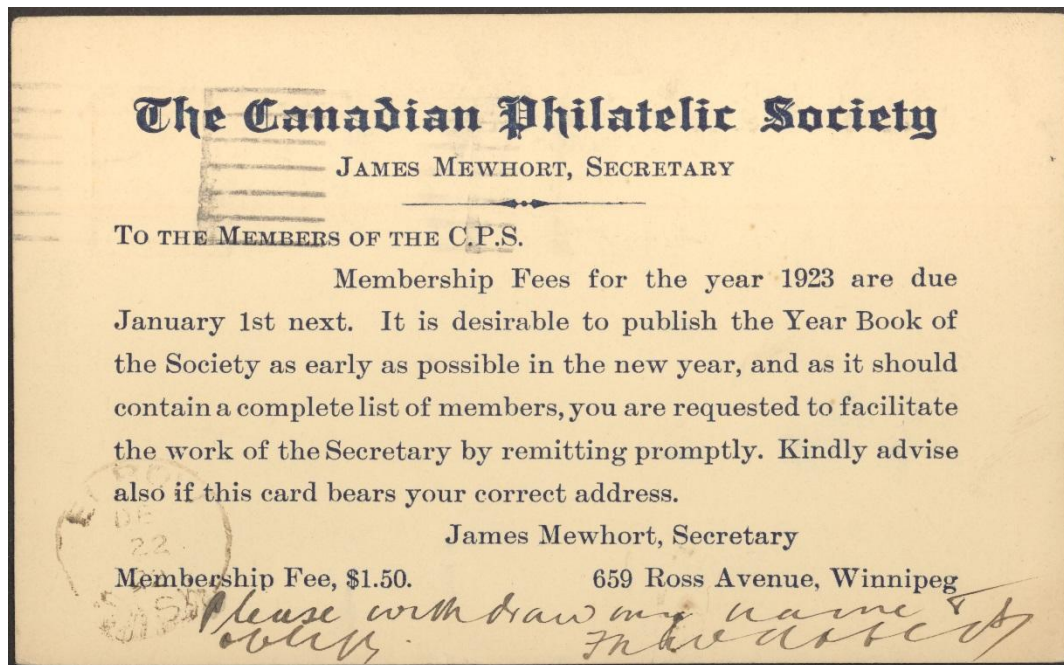
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- 1921 – In December, WSS changes its name to the Canadian Philatelic Association (4th iteration)
 - At this point, the CPA has 150 members
- 1921 – New constitution adopted at AGM on 7 December
 - Prepared by Frank S. Thompson
- 1922 – Sometime after June, the name changes again, to the Canadian Philatelic Society

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- CPS membership renewal postcard for 1923
 - Reflects the name change to CPS in mid 1922
 - Sent by James Mewhort, Winnipeg, CPS Secretary
 - Editor of *The North American Collector* that folded in January 1909

Postcard dated DEC 21 / 1922.
The member decided to resign.

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- 1923 – Fred Jarrett is elected President
 - He is President in 1923, 1924, and 1927
- 1923 – In December, the CPS headquarters moves from Winnipeg to Toronto
- 1959 – The name changes to the Royal Philatelic Society of Canada (RPSC)
 - Direct lineage between today's RPSC and the Winnipeg Stamp Society

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THE CANADIAN PHILATELIC SOCIETY

To the Members of the C.P.S.

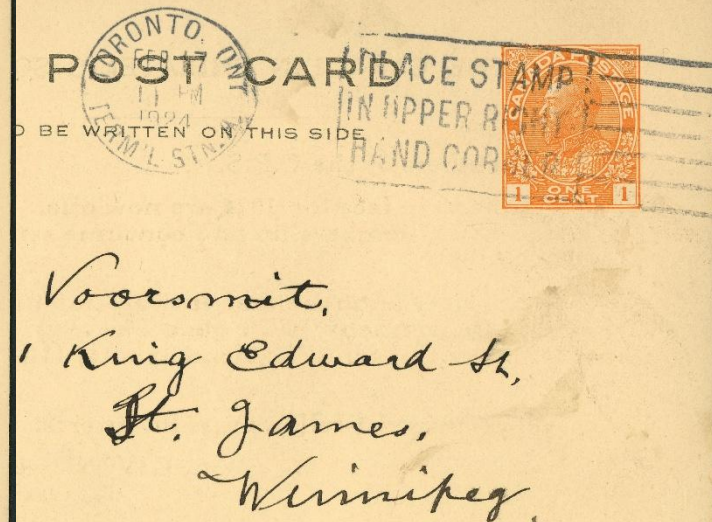
Membership fees for 1924 are now due. We shall be glad to renew your membership and continue sending the Stamp Herald.

The Society is now under entirely new management, and the Sales Department is in good working order. For confirmation write Mr. N. R. Hendershott, 111 Janette Avenue, Windsor, Ont.

Your continued fellowship and interest is much desired.

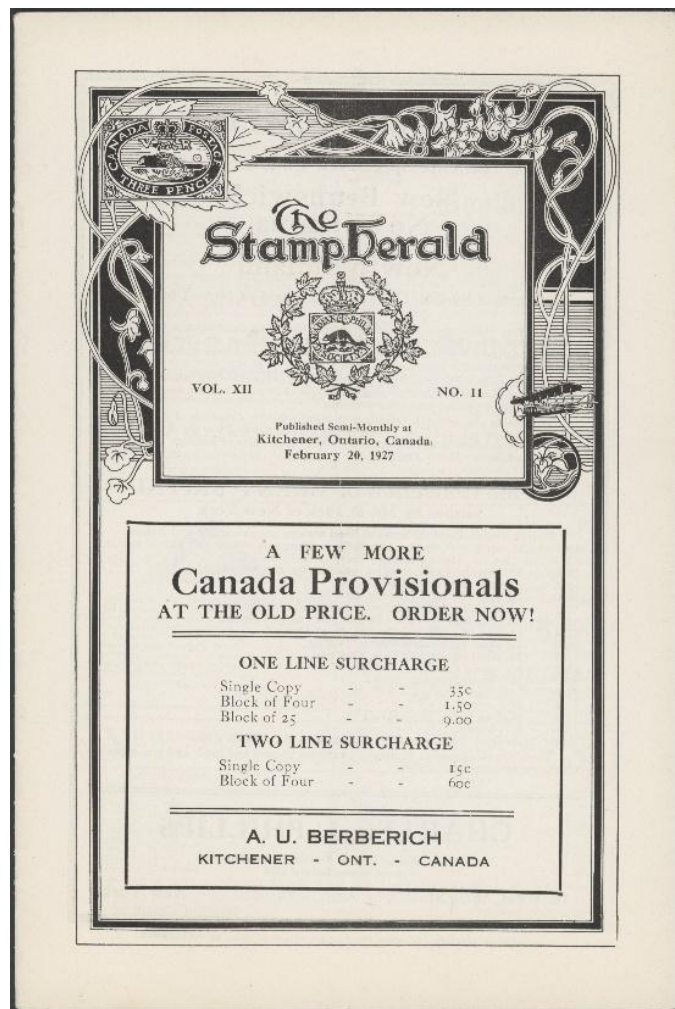
Fee for 1924, \$1.50.

Wm. GIVEN, Sec.-Treas.,
543 Ossington Ave.,
Toronto, Ont.



Postcard dated FEB 17 / 1924

- CPS membership renewal postcard for 1924
 - William Given of Toronto replaced James Mewhort as CPS Secretary
 - Postcard hints at the difficulties that prompted the move from Winnipeg to Toronto
- *Stamp Herald* of Kitchener, ON, is the official organ
 - Replaced *Canadian Stamp Collector* which ceased publication in 1923

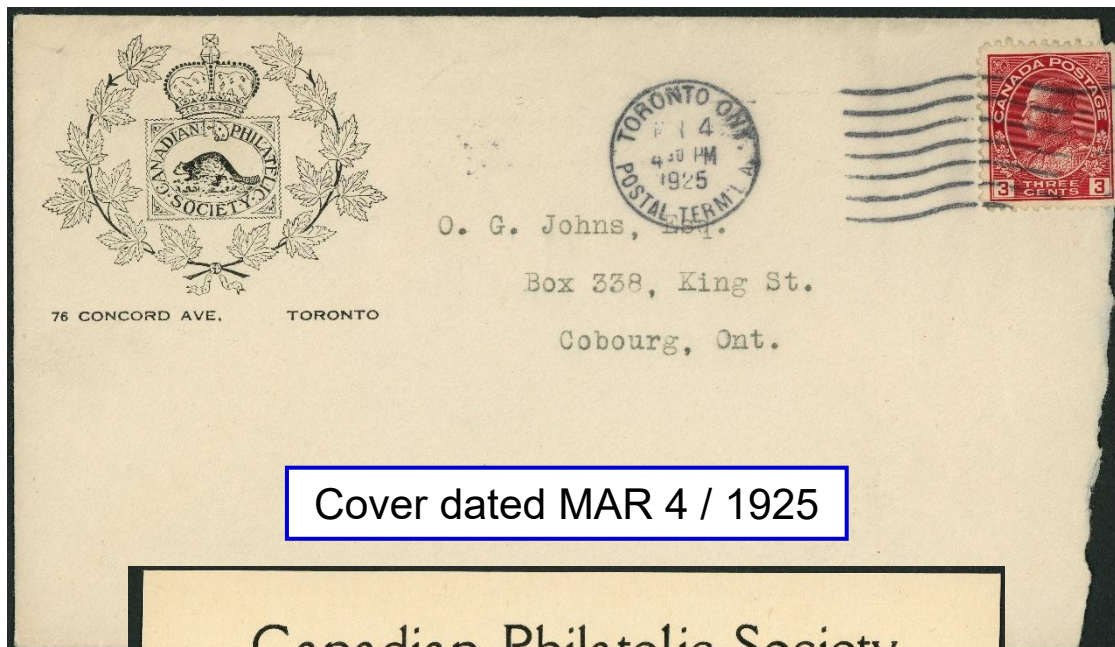


- *The Stamp Herald*
 - Official organ of the Canadian Philatelic Society from 1923 to 1928
 - Monthly up to Vol. XI, then biweekly
 - Last issue: Vol. XIII, No. 17, 21 May 1928
 - Publisher: The Stamp Herald Publishing Co., Kitchener, ON
 - Editor: Percy H. Johnson

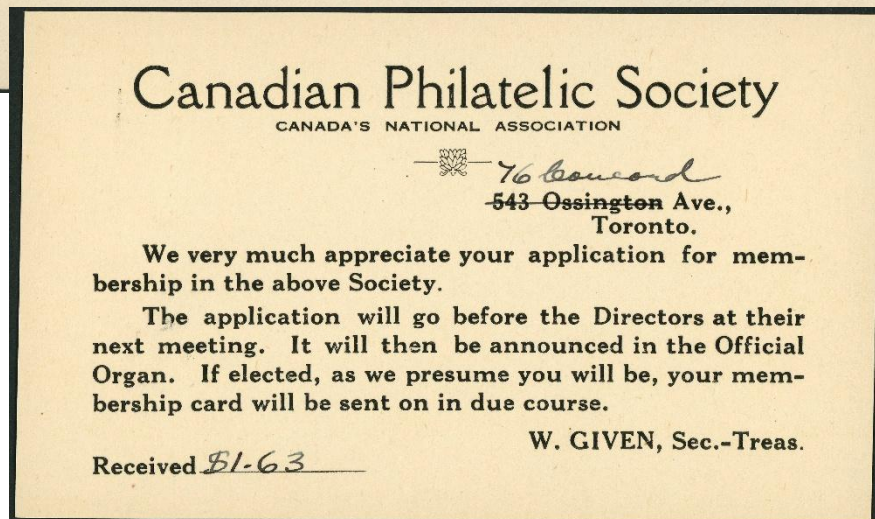
Vol. XII, No. 11, February 20, 1927
CPS crest below the journal's name

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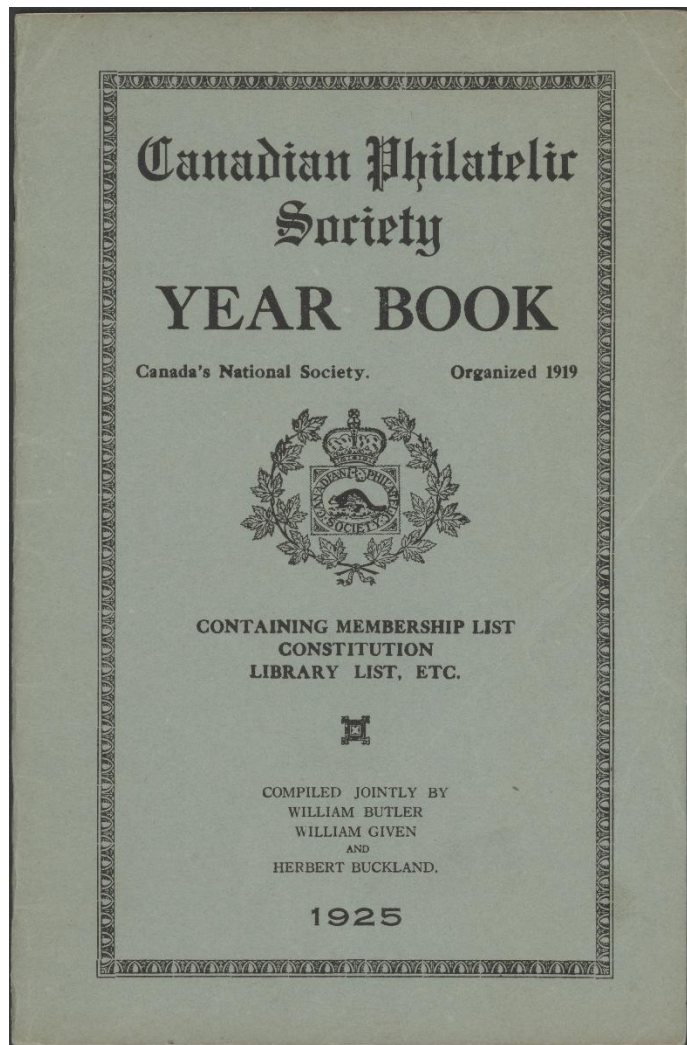
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Cover dated MAR 4 / 1925



- Cover from William Given
 - CPS Secretary-Treasurer
 - Corner card shows the CPS crest and Given's address
- Insert welcomes the membership applicant



- 1925 – *CPS Year Book*
 - 290 members listed
 - Constitution is the one adopted by the WSS at its AGM on 7 December 1921
 - WSS mentioned in the constitution's preamble
- Year Book compilers
 - William Butler – President
 - William Given – Secretary-Treasurer
 - Herbert Buckland – Librarian

July 16th, 1928.

Fellow Members:

Our Official Organ, "The Stamp Herald," a privately owned journal, having suspended publication owing to the return of the publisher to Europe, the Society is temporarily without an official organ.

Apparently no arrangements have been made for its continuance and as the purchase price is entirely out of reason, there is little chance of the Society acquiring "The Stamp Herald."

As there is no other Canadian publication available, the Directors desire your opinion in arriving at a solution. Will you, therefore, please let me know whether you favor the C.P.S. publishing its own official organ as a monthly under the name of the "Canadian Philatelist," or whether you favor the adoption of an American publication as our official paper?

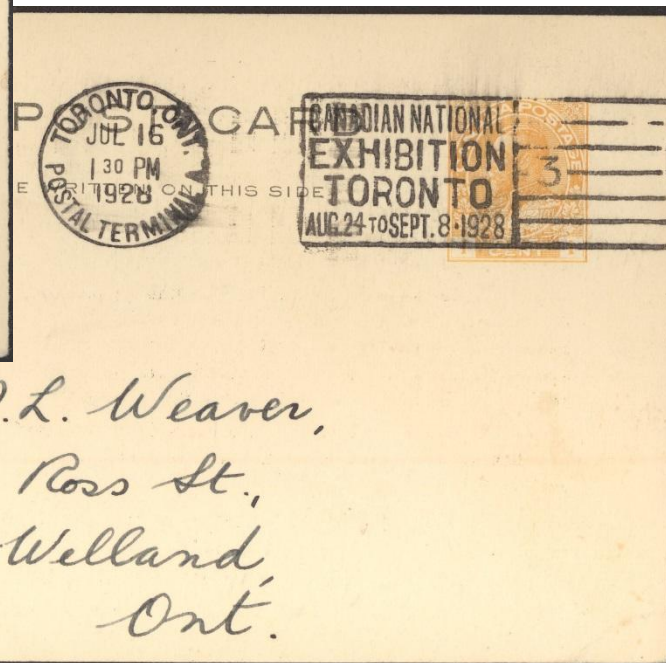
While there is much to be said on both sides, the Directors do not wish to influence you in any way and are prepared to give the fullest support to the wishes of the majority.

May I hope to have your expression of opinion by an early mail?

Fraternally yours,

WILLIAM BUTLER, Secretary,
137 Gillard Avenue, Toronto 6, Ontario

Postcard dated JUL 16 / 1928



- 1928 – The CPS official organ, *The Stamp Herald*, ceases publication in May
- Proposed solutions
 - CPS publishes its own journal
 - CPS adopts a U.S. journal, there being no suitable Canadian one

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Vol. 1, No. 3, Nov. 1928

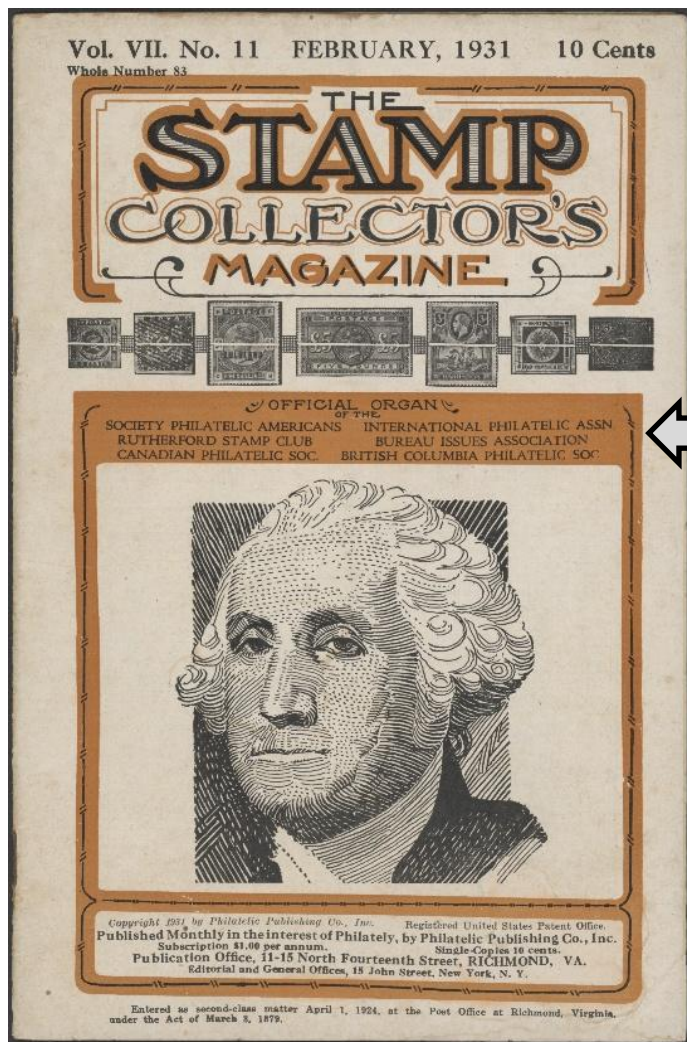
Vol. 1, No. 6, Mar. 1929

- 1928 – Before either solution was implemented, a suitable new Canadian journal appeared

- *The Canadian Philatelist*
 - Publisher: The Canadian Philatelist Publishing Co., Toronto
 - Editor: unnamed
- CPS chooses it as its official organ
- 11 issues published
 - From September 1928 to December 1929

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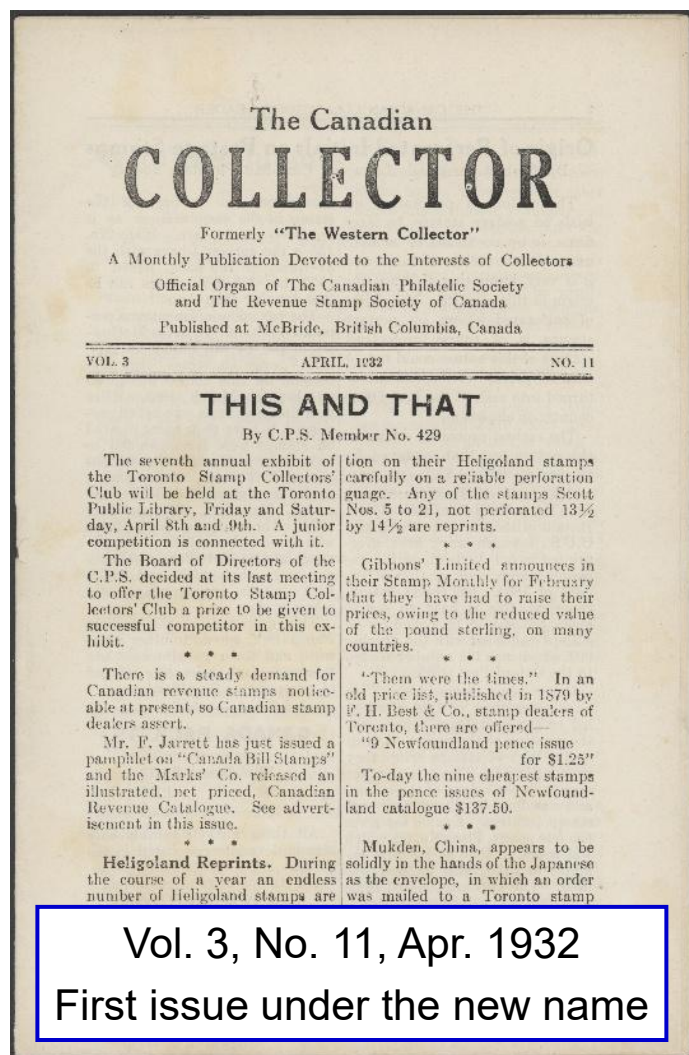
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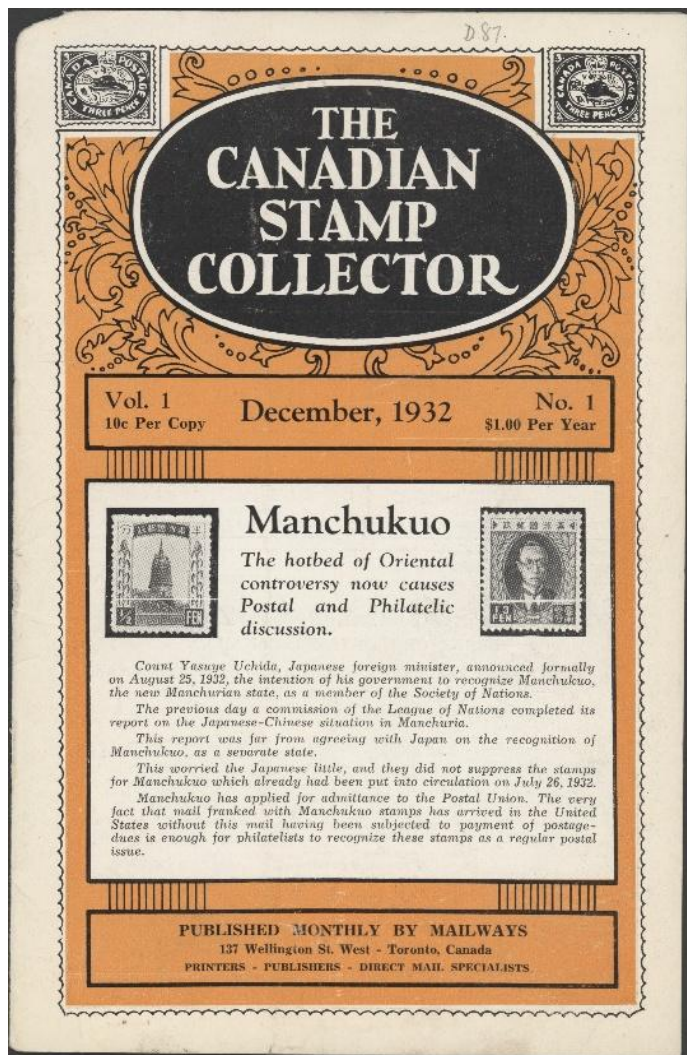
- 1930 – CPS chooses *The Stamp Collector's Magazine* as its official organ
 - U.S. publication
 - Publisher: Philatelic Publishing Co., Inc
 - Offices in Richmond, VA, and New York
 - Official organ of the British Columbia Philatelic Society
 - Official organ of several U.S. societies
 - Editor: Rudolph C. Bach
 - The founder of the LCP / CPS / CPA
 - He commits suicide in October 1932

Vol. VII, No. 11, Feb. 1931

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- 1932 – The CPS chooses *The Canadian Collector* as its official organ
 - Publisher and Editor: James Mewhort
 - Former Secretary of the CPS in Winnipeg
 - Former editor of *The North American Collector*
 - Moved from Winnipeg to McBride, BC, in August 1931
 - Previously called *The Western Collector*
 - The name changed with Vol. 3, No. 11, Apr. 1932
 - Publication ceases with Vol. 4 , No. 1, June 1932
 - Official organ for just three issues
 - Mewhort had a medical problem with his eyesight



- 1932 – In December, the CPS chooses *The Canadian Stamp Collector* as its official organ
 - Publisher: Mailways, Toronto
 - Editor: Arthur J. Francis
 - Ceases publication after 8 issues
 - Last issue Vol. 1, No. 8, July 1933

First issue, Dec. 1932

Local Societies

Montreal Philatelic Society	1889	1914
Ottawa Philatelic Society	1891	Active
Toronto Stamp Collectors' Club	1892	Active
Montreal Philatelic Association	1893	1922
Winnipeg Philatelic Society	1900	Active
Regina Philatelic Club	1910	Active
Edmonton Stamp Club	1912	Active
British Columbia Philatelic Society	1919	Active
St. Lawrence Stamp Collectors Club	1921	>1945
Calgary Philatelic Society	1922	Active
Nova Scotia Stamp Club	1922	Active
Yorkton Stamp Society	1922	1926
Eastern Townships Stamp Club	< 1924	>1927
London Philatelic Society	1924	Active
Prince Albert Stamp Club	1924	Defunct
Kitchener Stamp Collector's Club	1925	1927
Windsor "Y" Stamp Club	1926	>1962
Portage La Prairie Philatelic Society	?	Defunct
Canadian Cancels Club	1927	Defunct

19 societies, of which 9 are active today

- Local clubs active during the Admiral era
- Many currently active clubs experienced:
 - Periods of inactivity
 - Re-organization
 - Name changes
- Some clubs had offshoots for juniors (not included in table), such as:
 - Edmonton Junior Stamp Club
 - Kitchener Junior Stamp Club
- The Ottawa Philatelic Society is the oldest active society
 - Founded by John Reginald Hooper

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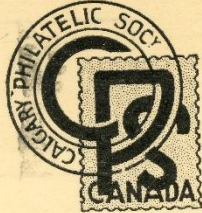
Local Societies

- Cover with Regina Philatelic Club corner card to Arthur John Algate
 - From its President, Joseph Batley Parker
 - Signature in the upper left corner
 - Algate was President of Toronto Stamp Collectors' Club in 1925
 - In May-June 1926, Algate designed the semi-official airmail stamps for Patricia Airways and Exploration Co. Limited.



Cover dated MY 7 / 26

Local Societies



Dear Sir:

The next meeting of the Calgary Philatelic Society will be held on Tuesday, Oct. 21st, 1930,
at 628 - 7th Avenue West
at 8:30 p.m., and you are cordially invited to attend.

Yours very truly,

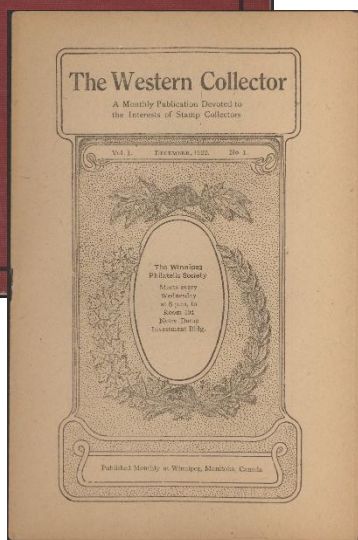
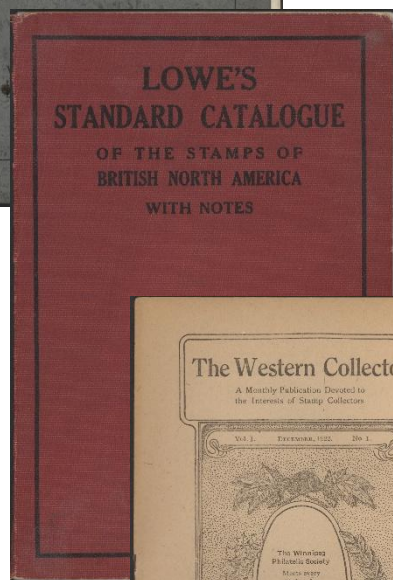
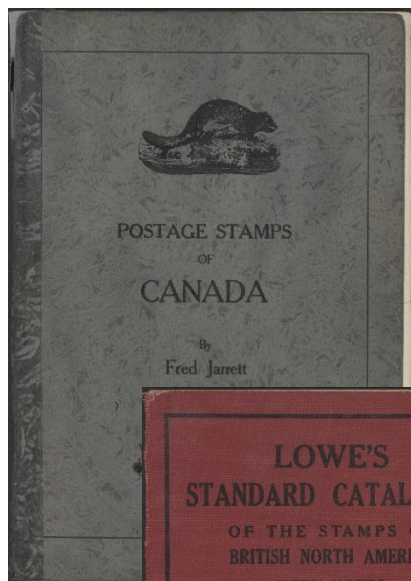
A. B. HARRIS,
Secretary.



Harold Lewis,
420 - 12th Street, N.W.,
Calgary.

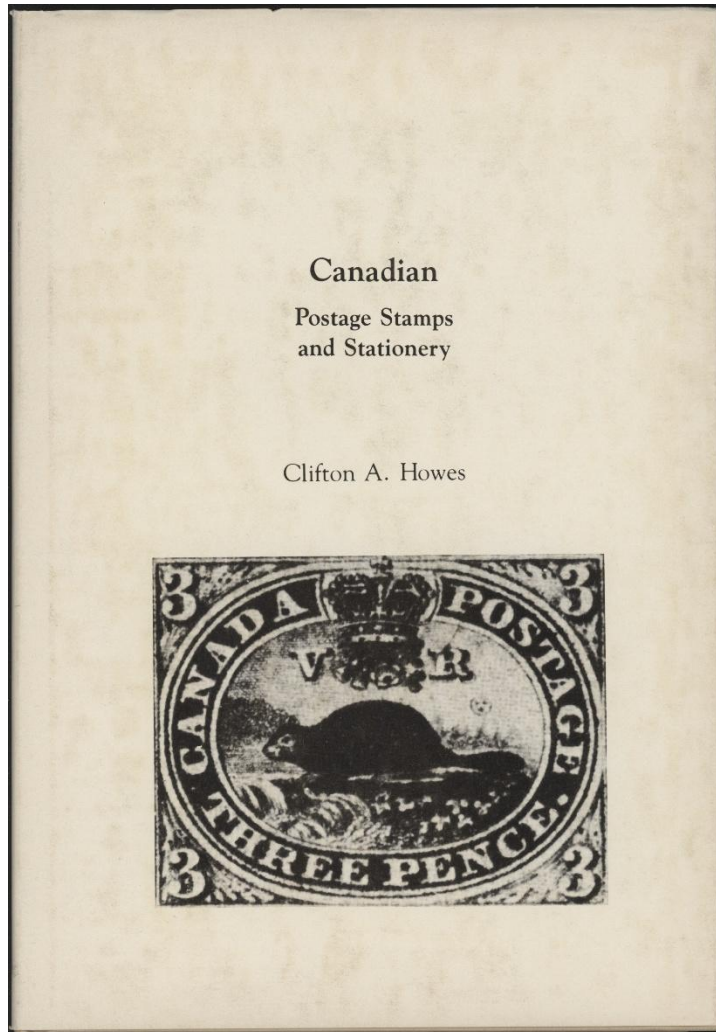
Postcard dated OCT 18 / 1930

- Postcard from the Calgary Philatelic Society
 - Notice of meeting on 21 October 1930
- The Society, formed in 1922, was holding meetings twice a month



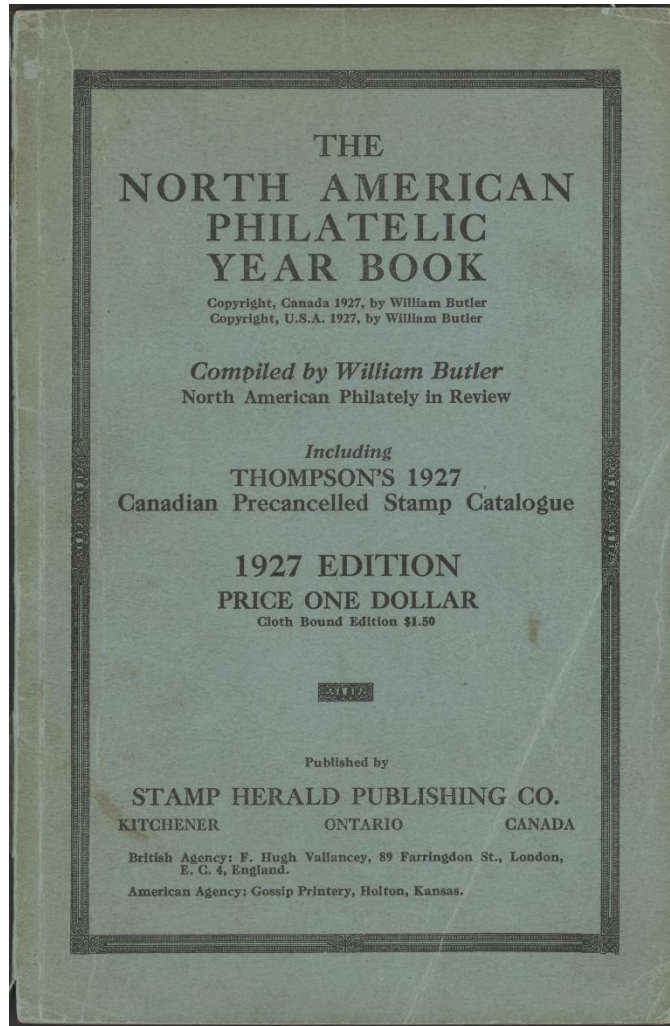
Organized Philately Publications

Books



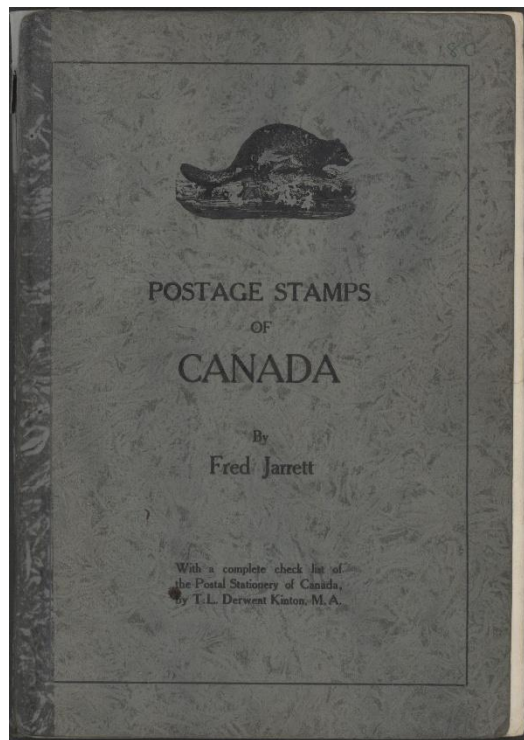
- Clifton A. Howes, *Canadian Postage Stamps and Stationery*, The New England Stamp Co., 1911
 - 287 pages, 14 plates
 - Reprint, Quarterman Publications, Inc., 1974

Books

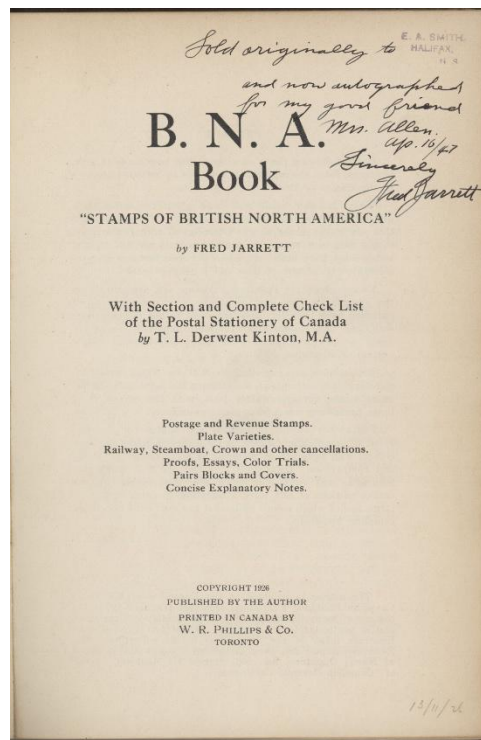


- *The North American Philatelic Year Book, 1927, 156 pages*
 - Compilation of philatelists, societies, dealers, and journals in Canada and the U.S.
 - Short biographies of noted philatelists
 - Articles
 - Catalogue of Canadian precancelled stamps
 - Compiled by Frank S. Thompson
- Invaluable reference on the state of philately of that era
- 1st edition in 1925, 64 pages

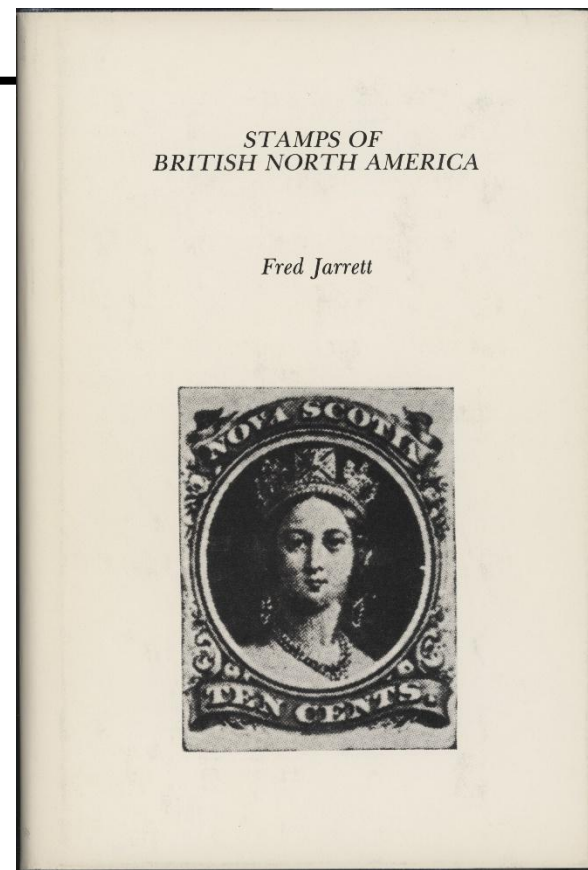
Fred Jarrett books



1923 – 103 pages
Stamps and postal
stationery of Canada



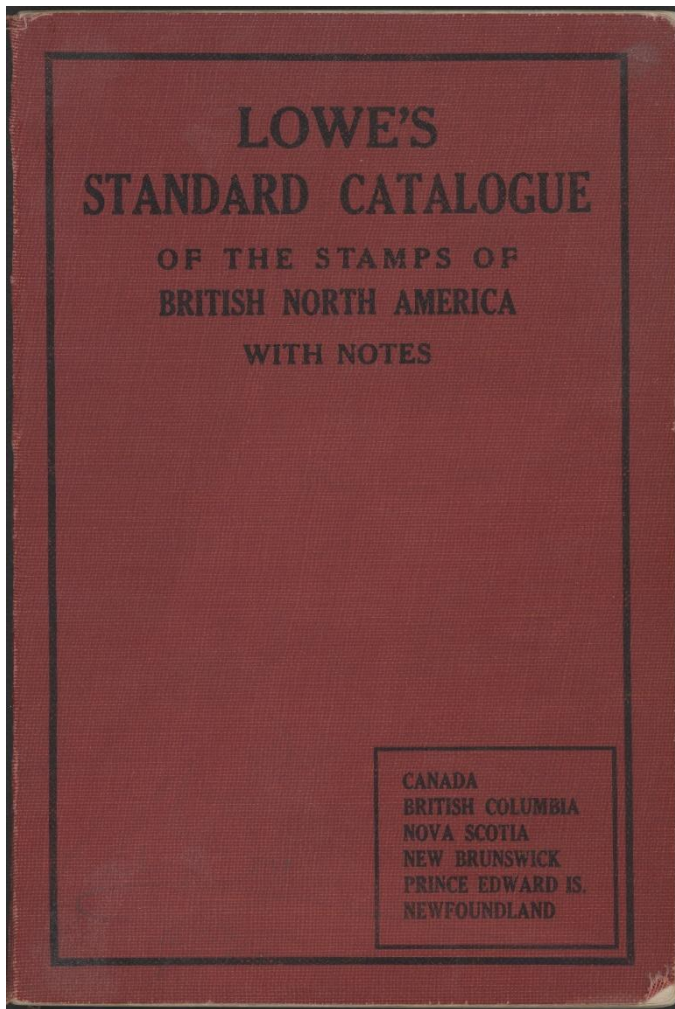
1926 – 261 pages
BNA stamps, postal
stationery, revenue stamps,
postmarks (90 pages)



1929 – xi+595 pages
Quarterman Publications,
Inc., reprint, 1975

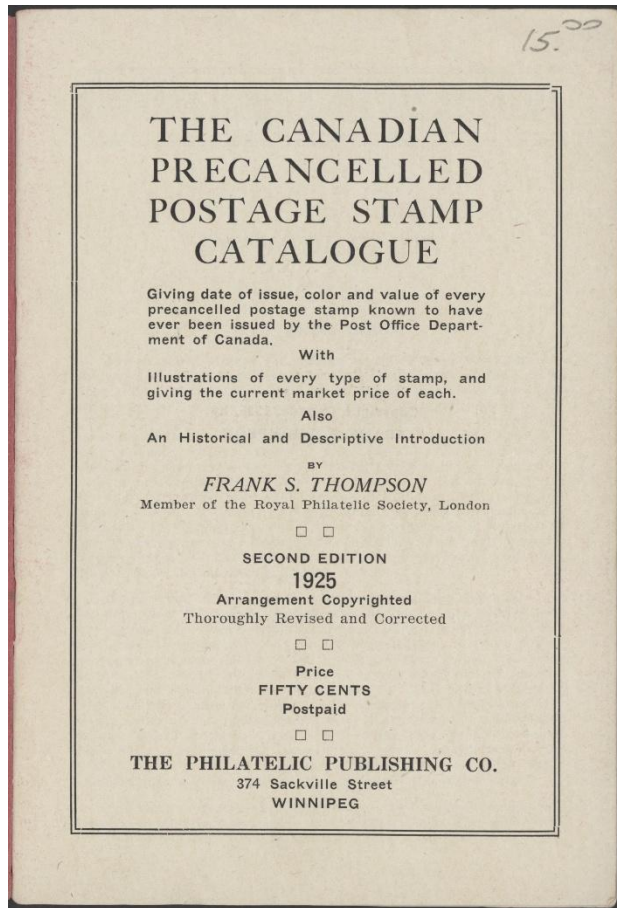
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Catalogues



- *Lowe's Standard Catalogue of the Stamps of British North America with Notes*
 - George A. Lowe & Son, Toronto, 1925
 - Catalogue: 41 pages
 - Notes: 45 pages

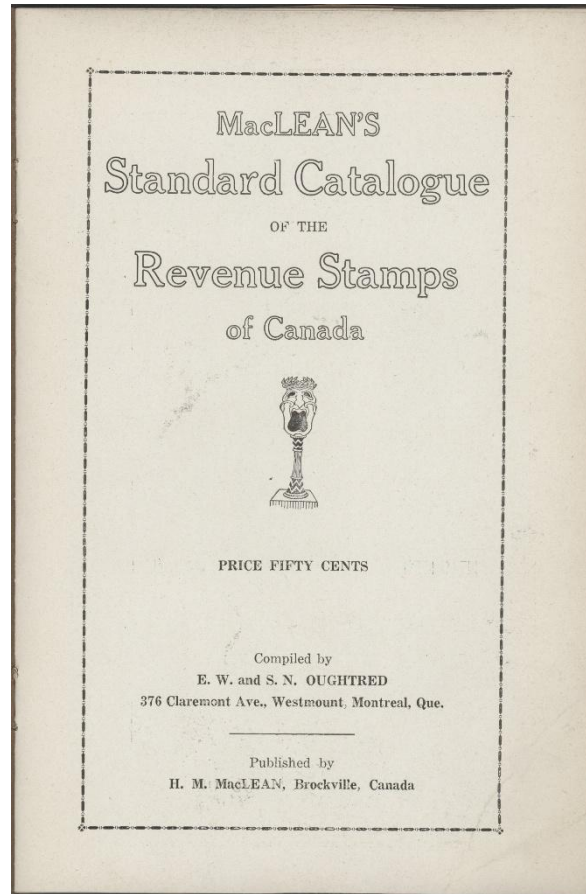
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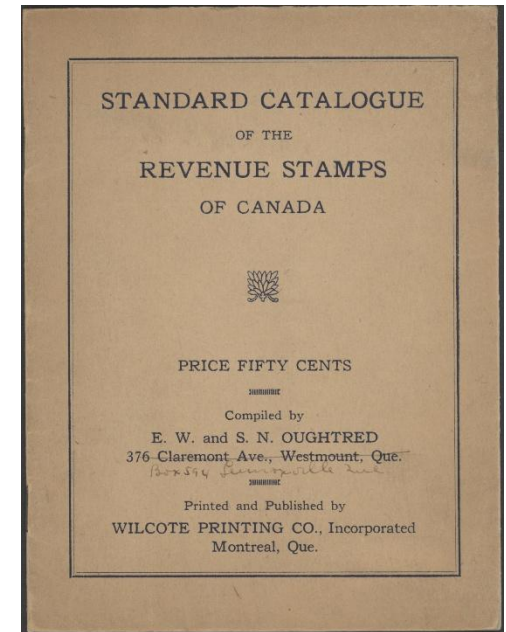
- *The Canadian Precancelled Postage Stamp Catalogue*, 2nd edition, 1925
 - Compiler: Frank S. Thompson
 - Publisher: The Philatelic Publishing Co.
 - Catalogue: 26 pages
 - Notes: 6 pages
 - 1,703 precancelled stamps listed
- First edition published in 1923
- In 1927, listing was published in *The North American Philatelic Year Book*
- Victor Ruggeri compiled a precancel catalogue several years beforehand

Catalogues

- Catalogue of federal and provincial revenue stamps
 - 20 pages
- Elvira Frances Webber Oughtred and her son, Stephen Norris Oughtred, were notable revenue stamp dealers
 - Dealt under the name E.W. Oughtred
 - From Montreal
- The first edition was previously published in 5 parts in the *Canadian Stamp Collector*

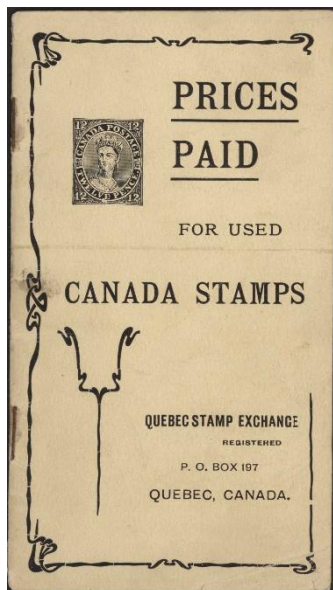


First edition, 1921

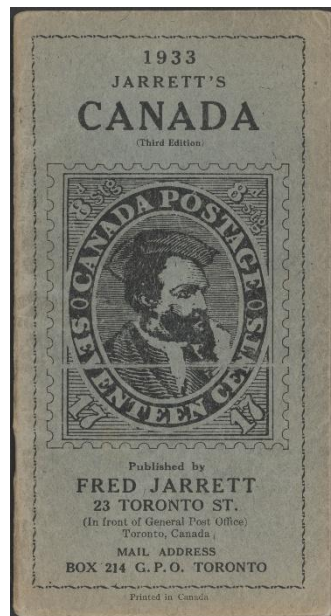


Second edition, circa 1925

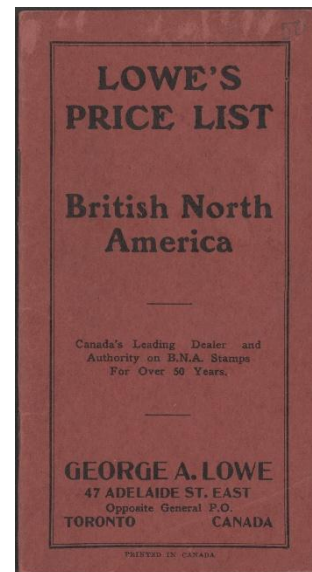
“Mini” catalogues



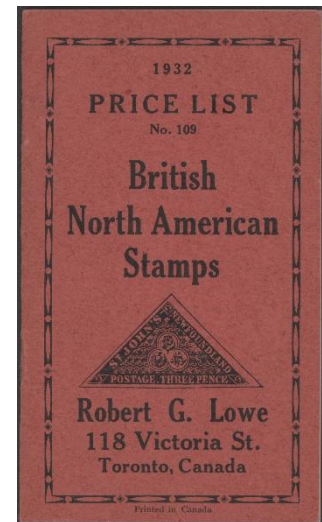
Quebec Stamp
Exchange
1911
12 pages



Fred Jarrett
1933
52 pages



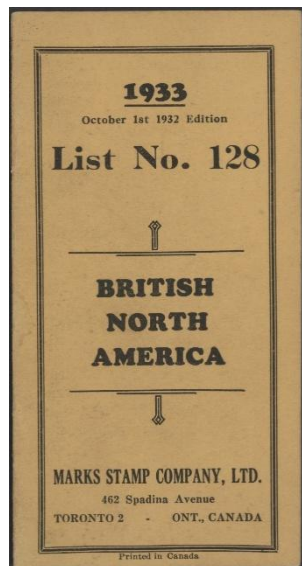
George A. Lowe
circa 1932
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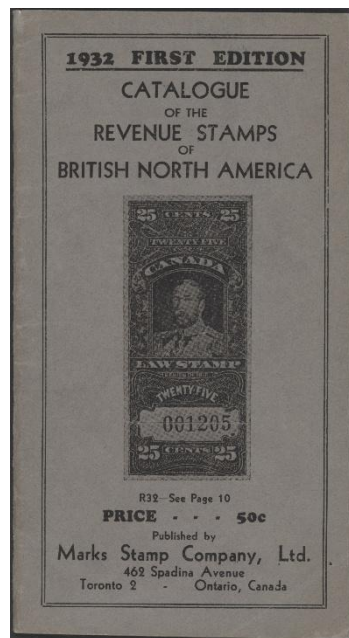
Robert G. Lowe
(son of George)
1932
24 pages

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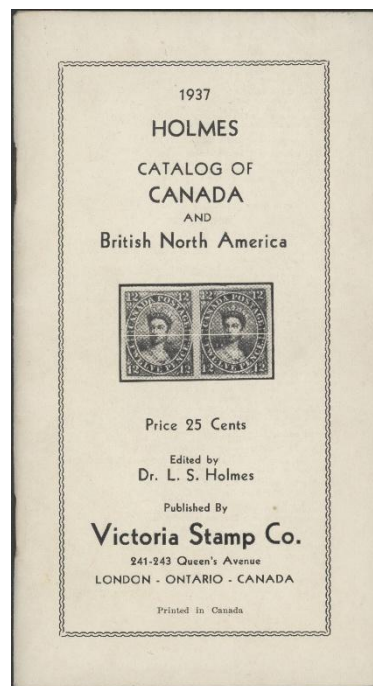
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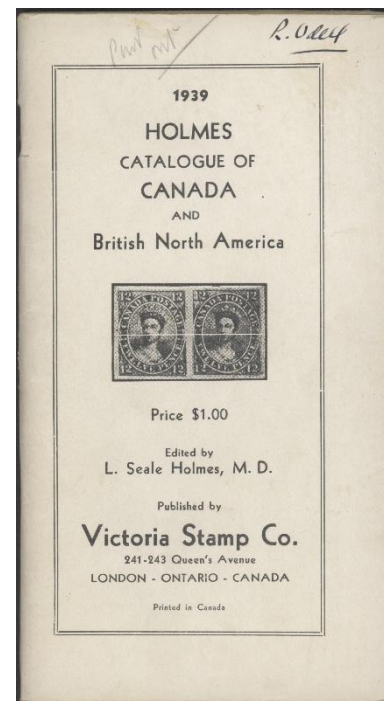
Marks Stamp Co.
1933
32 pages



Marks Stamp Co.
1932
Revenue stamps
48 pages



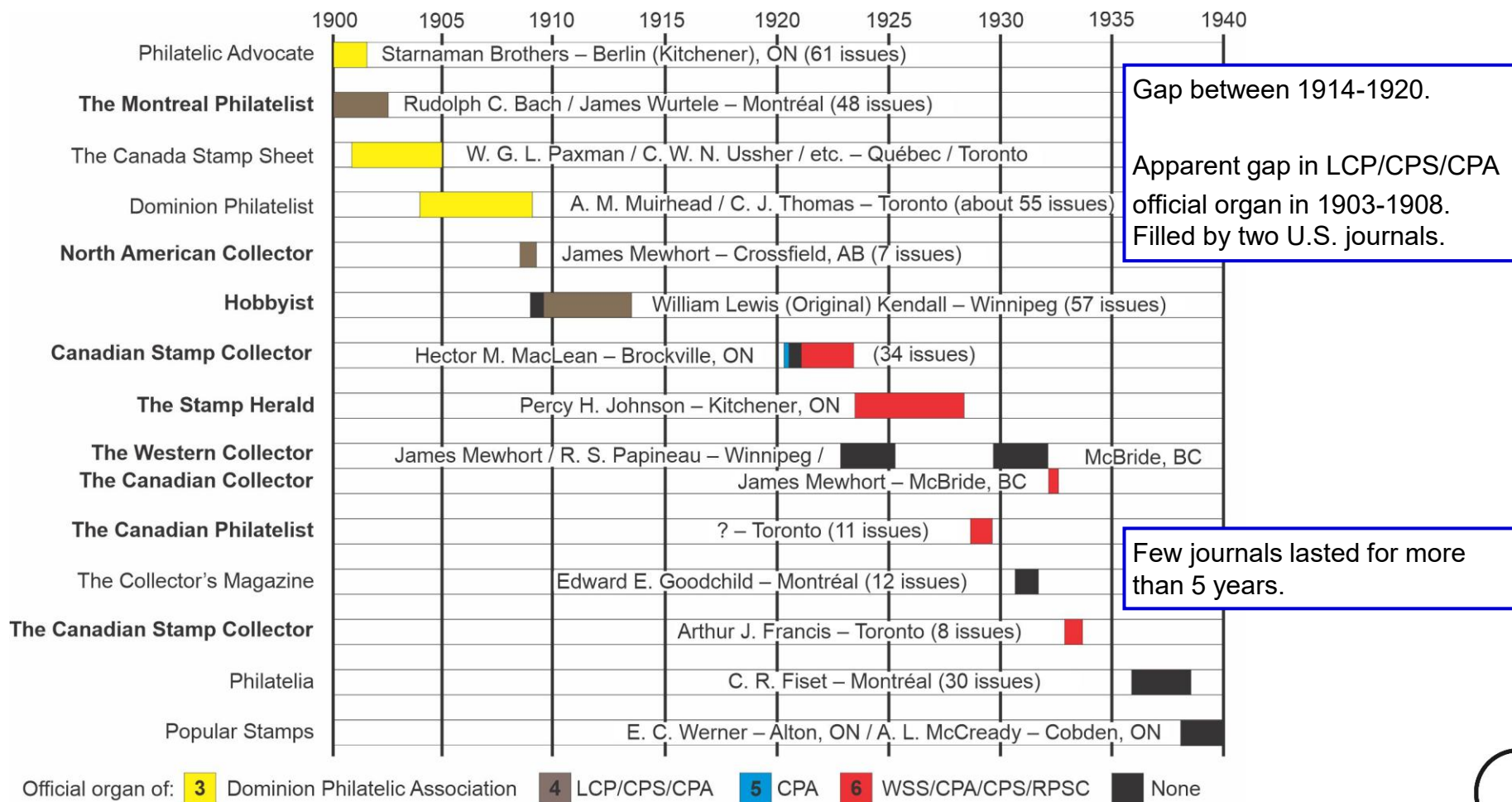
L. Seale Holmes
1937
70 pages



L. Seale Holmes
1939
134 pages

BNA, first flight covers, postal stationery.
Revenue stamps added in 1939.

Important Canadian periodicals – 1900-1940



Gap between 1914-1920.

Apparent gap in LCP/CPS/CPA official organ in 1903-1908. Filled by two U.S. journals.

Few journals lasted for more than 5 years.

Official organs colour-coded by society.
Boldfaced titles are mentioned in this presentation.

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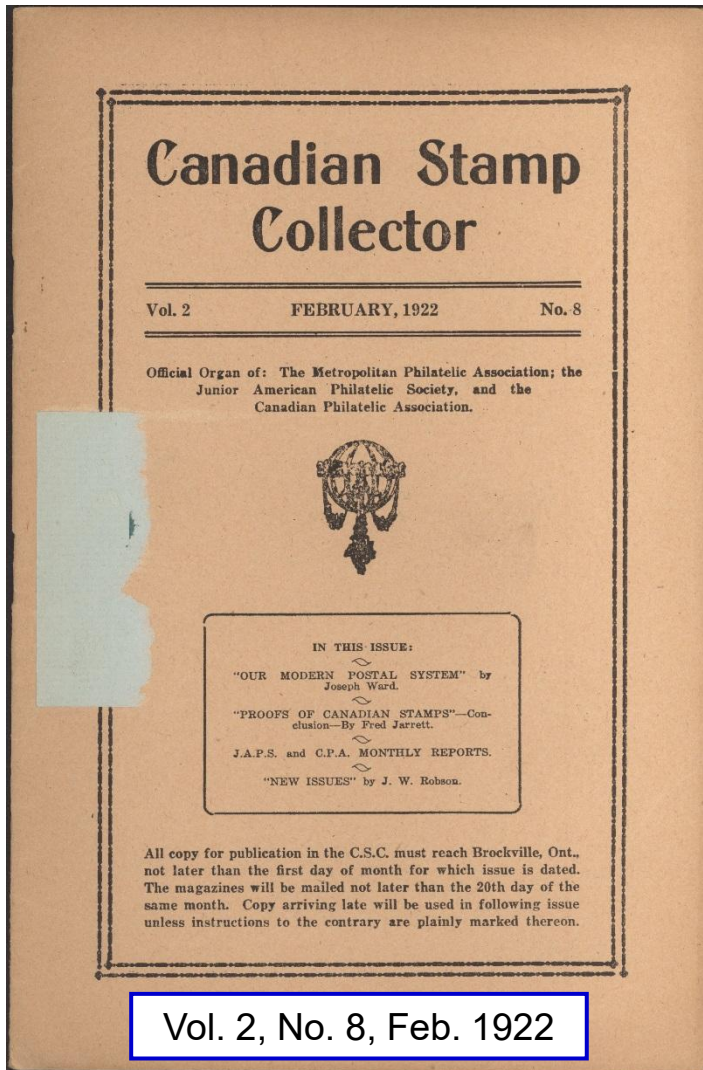
Periodicals



Vol. 2, No. 1, Jan. 1910

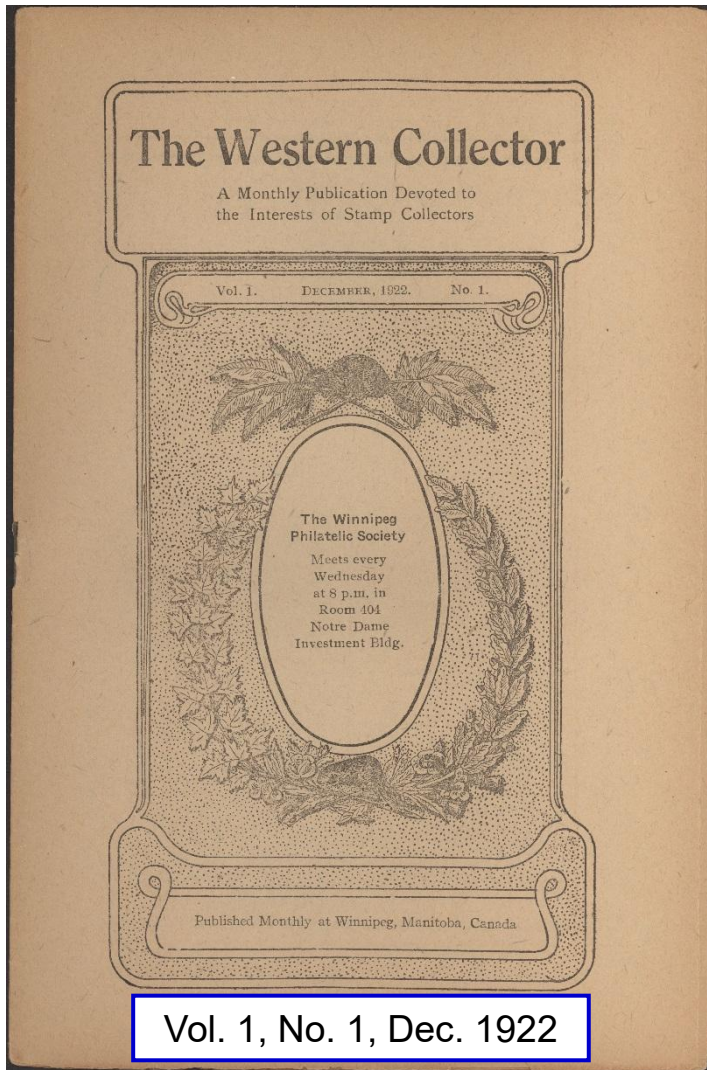
- *Hobbyist*
 - 1909-1913, 57 issues
- Publisher:
 - OK Press (O. Kendall), Winnipeg
- Editor
 - J. J. Hooper
 - Named only in the first issue
- Official organ of
 - LCP/CPS/CPA (from Aug. 1909 issue)
 - Winnipeg Philatelic Association
 - Indiana Stamp Collectors' Exchange (U.S. – for a few issues)
- Founded the Hobby Club
 - Official organ of the Hobby Club

Periodicals



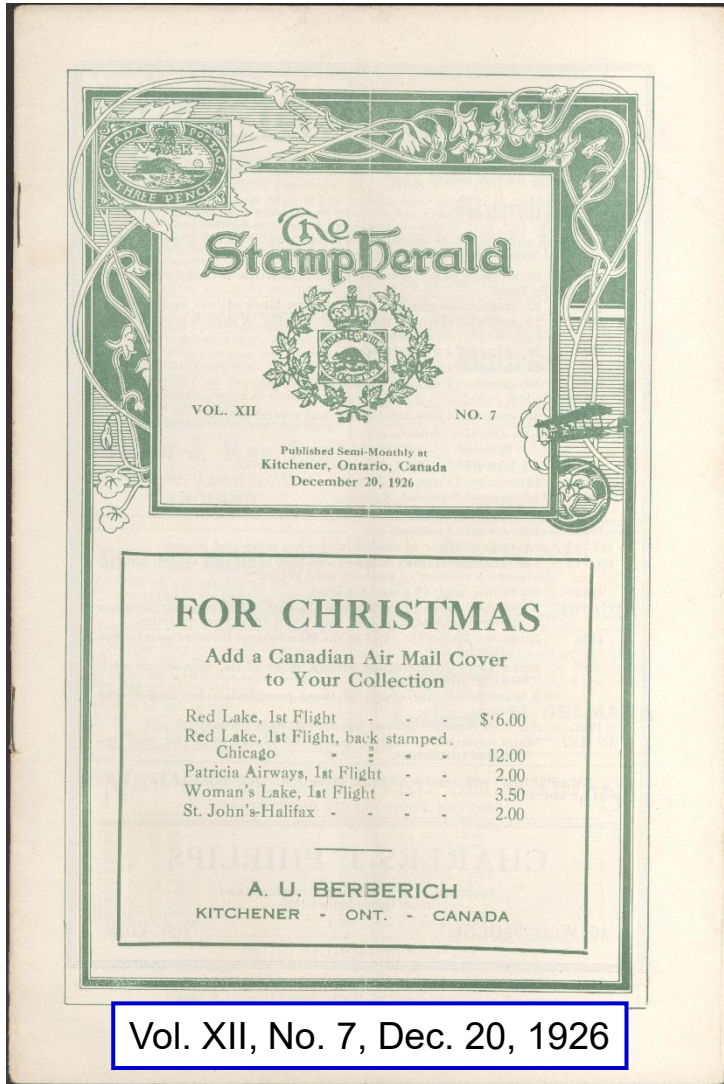
- *Canadian Stamp Collector*
 - 1920-1923, 34 issues
- Editor & publisher:
 - Hector M. MacLean
 - Brockville, ON
- Monthly; 32 pages; size changed from digest to 9" x 12" with 16 pages with Vol. 3, No. 3
- Official organ for:
 - WSS/CPA/CPS/RPSC
 - Metropolitan Philatelic Association (U.S.)
 - Junior American Philatelic Society (JAPS – U.S.)
- Interesting articles, many ads, new issue column, Canadian precancel column

Periodicals

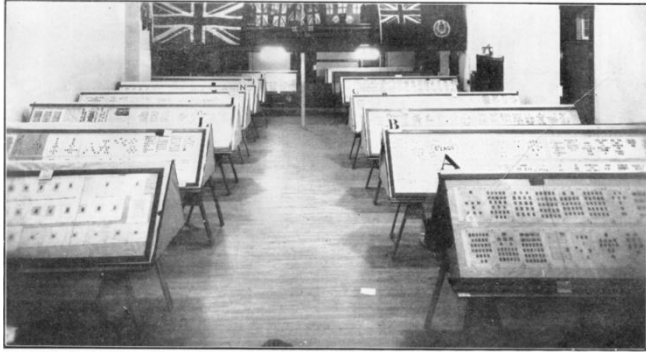


- *The Western Collector*
- Renamed *The Canadian Collector* with Vol. 3, No. 11, Apr. 1932
- Published in Winnipeg 1922-1925, 1929-July 1931; in McBride, BC, Aug. 1931-1932
- Took over *Kingston Stamp News* with Vol. 2, No. 2, Mar.-Apr. 1924
- Publisher:
 - R. S. Papineau (1922-1925)
 - James Mewhort (1929-1932)
- Editor:
 - James Mewhort (1922-1924, 1929-1932)
 - R. S. Papineau (1925)
- Official organ for
 - Yorkton Stamp Society
 - WSS/CPA/CPS/RPSC with Vol. 3, No. 11, Apr. 1932
 - British Columbia Philatelic Society with Vol. 3, No. 12, May 1932
 - Ceased publication with Vol. 4, No. 1, June 1932.
- Invaluable for info about Canadian stamp societies, interesting articles, many ads

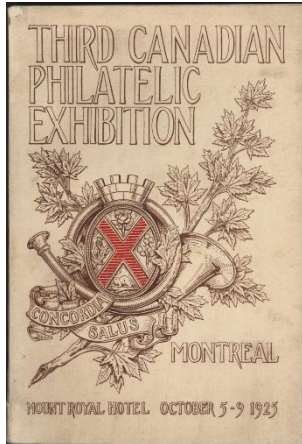
Periodicals



- *The Stamp Herald*
- 1922-1928
 - Began in Indianapolis
 - Moved to Kitchener, ON, with Vol. VII, No. 6, Feb. 1922
 - Monthly to Vol. XI, then twice a month
 - Last issue: Vol. XIII, No. 17, May 21, 1928
- Publisher:
 - The Stamp Herald Publishing Co., Kitchener, ON
- Editor:
 - P. H. Johnson
- Official organ for
 - WSS/CPA/CPS/RPSC
 - Several local societies
- Indispensable source of info about Canadian stamp societies, good articles, many ads



Organized Philately Events



1923 Yorkton, SK, national exhibition

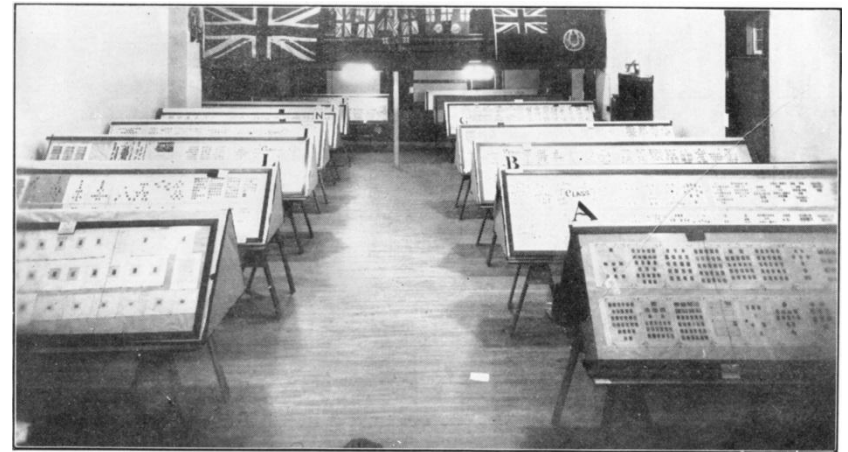
- Stamp Convention and Exhibition
 - Hosted by Yorkton Stamp Society
 - 19-21 Sept. 1923
- 125 exhibits
- 14 exhibit classes
- Estimated value of the stamps displayed close to \$250,000
- Presentations, bourse, outings, auction, and banquet
- 30 to 40 out-of-town delegates
- Non-competitive exhibit of Saskatchewan Law stamps
 - Given to Saskatchewan by Senator James A. Calder
 - Loaned by Premier Charles Dunning



Exhibition slogan cancel on cover to J. C. Cartwright, President, Yorkton Stamp Society

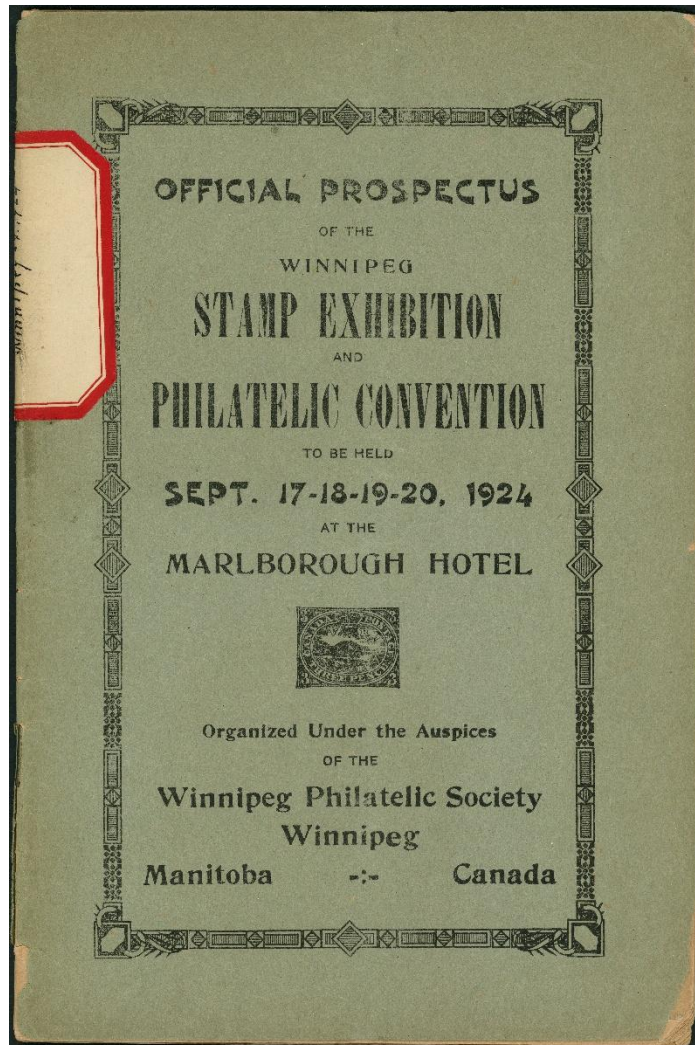
1923 Yorkton, SK, national exhibition

- Exhibit frames are two pages high
- Exhibits judged relative to other exhibits in the same class
- Some classes and winning exhibits:
 - **Class A – BNA stamps**
 - I. C. Bricker
 - Early Canada, British Columbia, and Newfoundland
 - **Class B – British Colonies**
 - H. J. Binnie
 - Cape triangulars and early Ceylon
 - **Class C – European countries**
 - Jack C. Cartwright
 - Embossed heads of Portugal



Exhibits in Yorkton town hall

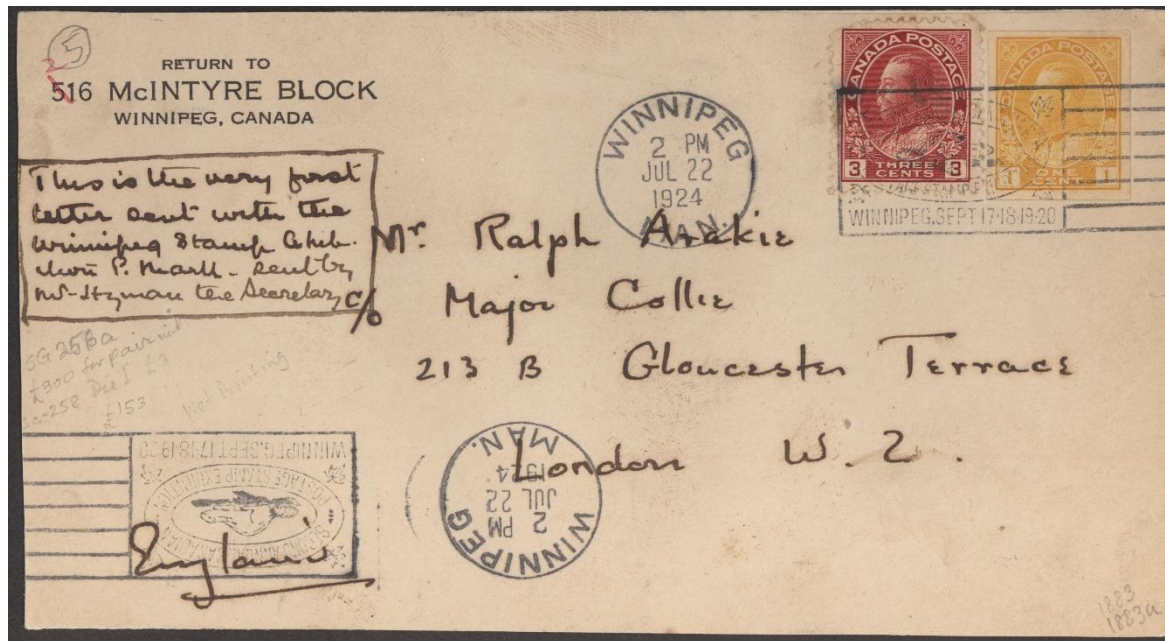
1924 Winnipeg national exhibition



- Second Annual Canadian Stamp Exhibition and Philatelic Convention
 - Hosted by the Winnipeg Philatelic Society
 - 17-20 September 1924
 - Occupied 7th floor of Marlborough Hotel, Winnipeg
- Exhibition prospectus
 - 36 pages

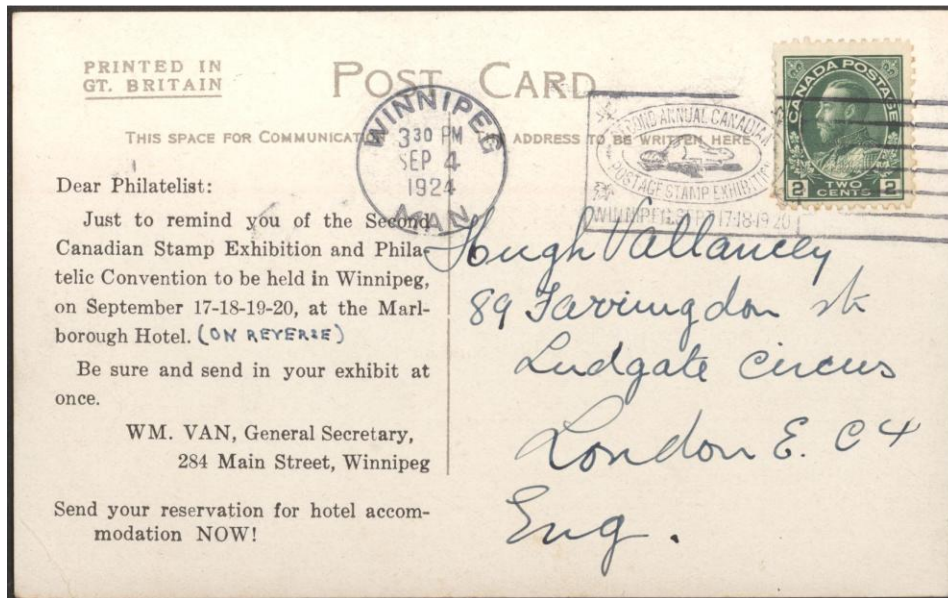
1924 Winnipeg national exhibition

- Presentations, outings, auction, and banquet
- Non-competitive displays of Nova Scotia and New Brunswick
 - Alfred H. Lichtenstein collection
 - Brought by Charles J. Phillips of New York



Slogan cancel in use from 22 July. Handwritten note reads: "This is the very first letter sent with the Winnipeg Stamp Club slogan (?) P. mark. Sent by M Hyman the Secretary"

1924 Winnipeg national exhibition



Exhibition slogan cancel and invitation to exhibit.

Winnipeg dealer William Van, Exhibition General Secretary, mailed this notice to British philatelic publisher Francis Hugh Vallancey.



Exhibition slogan cancel plus handstamp from the post office set up at the exhibition.

Precancel specialist Frank S. Thompson was on the Executive and Publicity Committees.

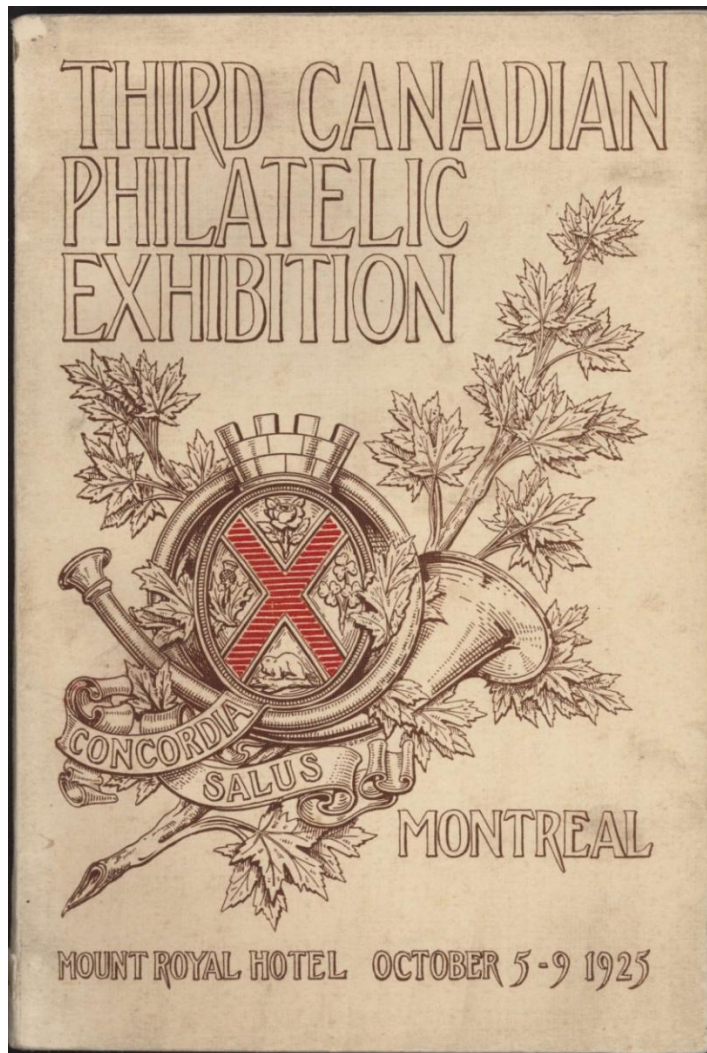
1924 Winnipeg national exhibition

- 18 exhibit classes
- Among the winners:
 - Class A – BNA stamps
 - I. C. Bricker (awarded Purvis Trophy)
 - Class C – Specialized Canada
 - J. B. Persse
 - Class D – Canada precancels
 - Harry J. Brook
 - Class E – Canadian postal cancels
 - H. S. Seaman
 - Class F – Revenue stamps
 - E. E. Goodchild
 - Class I – Non British Empire
 - J. C. Cartwright
 - Class L – Educational display
 - J. C. Cartwright
 - Class M – Dealer display
 - Charles J. Phillips
 - Class N – Paper or essay
 - J. C. Cartwright



Purvis Trophy for best collection of BNA stamps. Winner gives trophy back to the Society after a year.

1925 Montreal national exhibition



- Third Canadian Philatelic Exhibition
 - Hosted by the St. Lawrence Stamp Collectors Club
 - 5-9 October 1925
 - Mount Royal Hotel, Montreal
 - Largest hotel in the British Empire when it opened in 1922
- Largest exhibition in Canada until CAPEX 1951
 - 148 exhibitors
 - 340 entries
 - 300 frames
 - Estimated value over \$4 million

Program, 150 pages

1925 Montreal national exhibition

- 53 senior and 12 junior classes and subclasses
 - Including a class for topical exhibits
- Dr. Lewis L. Reford awarded the Grand Gold Medal with felicitations of the jury for the excellence of his exhibits in all the classes he entered
- Reford also won:
 - St. Lawrence Cup for most exhibit points
 - Sefi-Pemberton Cup for research
 - Purvis Trophy for best general BNA exhibit

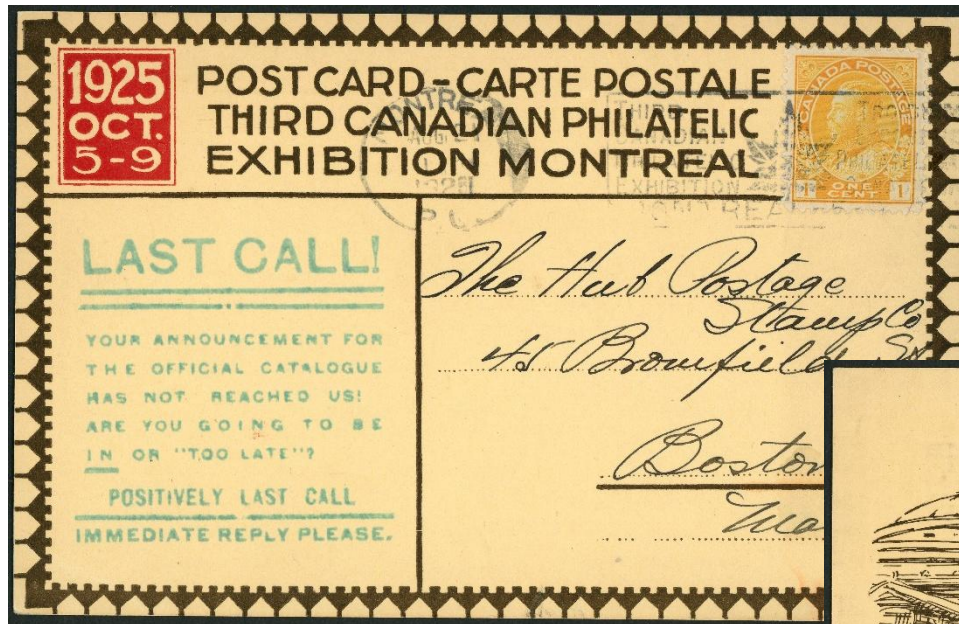


Self-addressed postcard to noted Montreal stamp dealer Albert-Henri Vincent.

Gummed cinderella label for the Third Canadian Philatelic Exhibition.
First day of use of the exhibition slogan cancel, 3 July 1925.

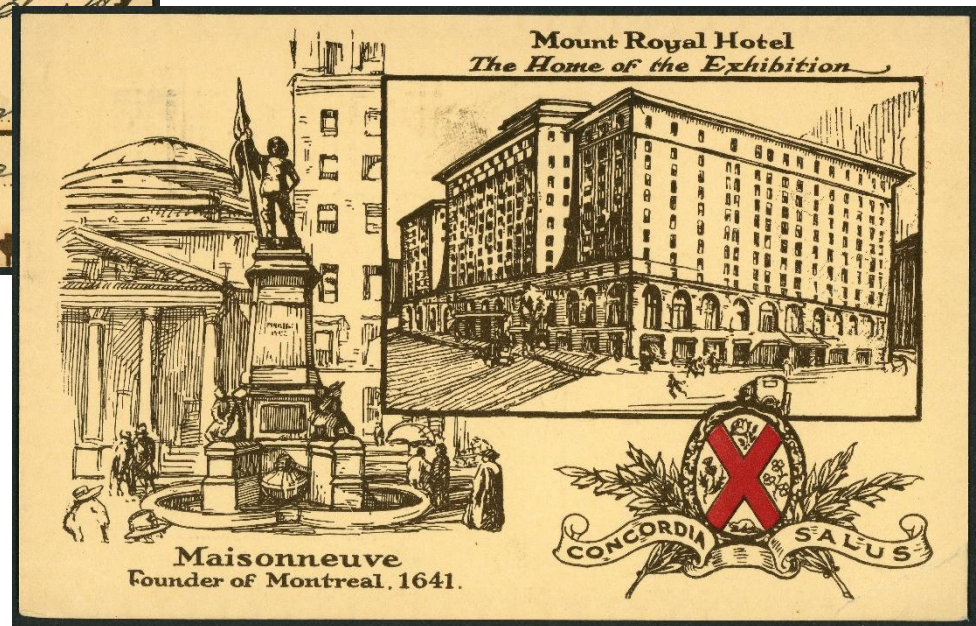
The first impression of the slogan cancel was presented to King George V.

1925 Montreal national exhibition

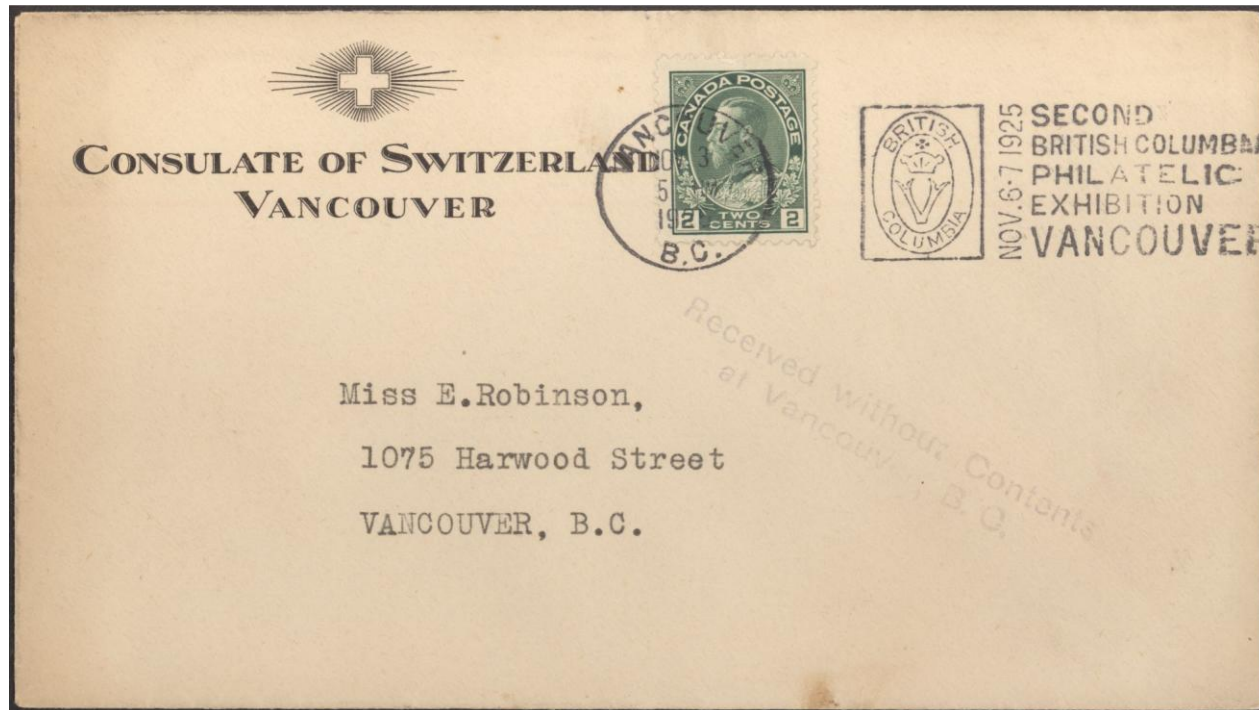


The postcard invites the recipient to advertise in the exhibition catalogue.

The reverse shows the exhibition venue, the Mount Royal Hotel.

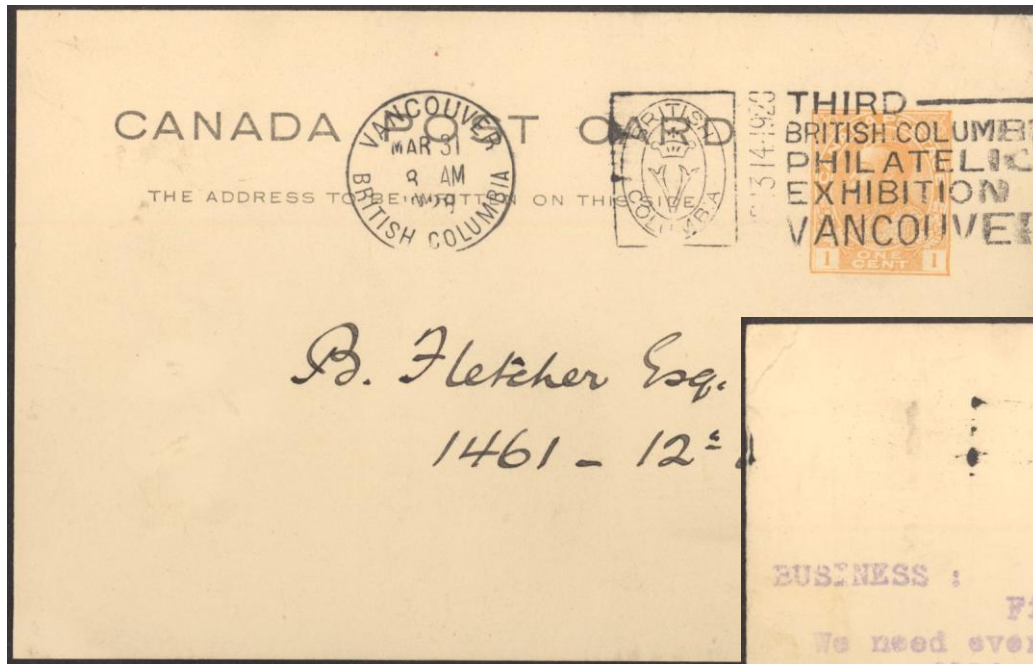


1925 second British Columbia exhibition



- 2nd British Columbia philatelic exhibition
 - Vancouver, 6-7 November 1925
 - Hosted by the British Columbia Philatelic Society (BCPS)
 - 100 frames
- First exhibition organized jointly with the Tacoma Philatelic Society, Washington state
 - Billed as the “First International Exhibition”

1928 third British Columbia exhibition

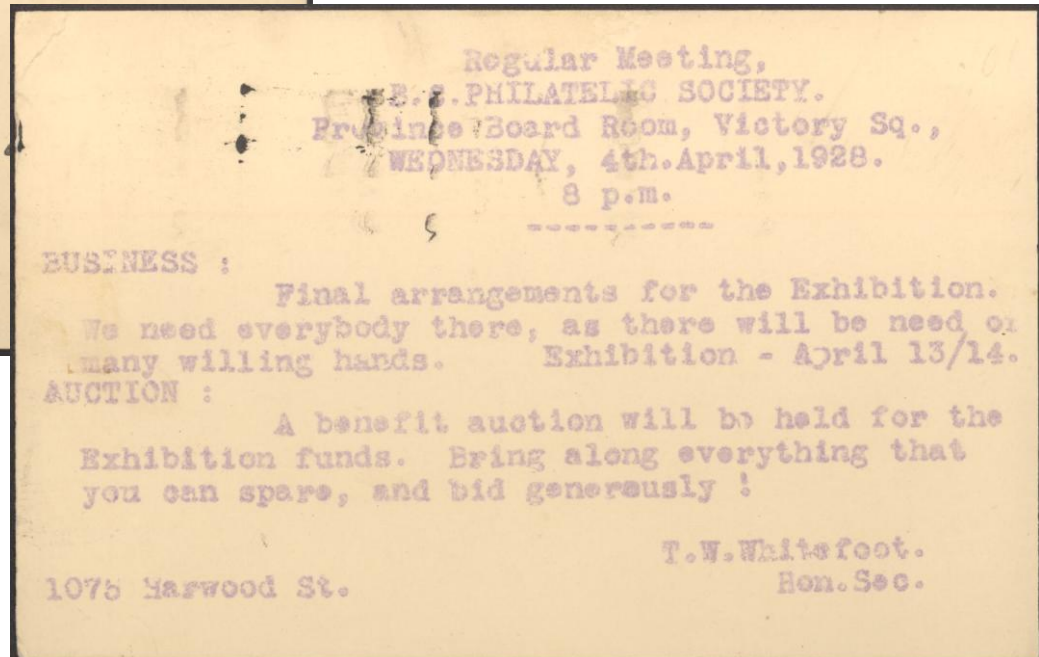


Postcard from the BCPS.
The Society is looking for
volunteers and is holding an
auction to raise funds.

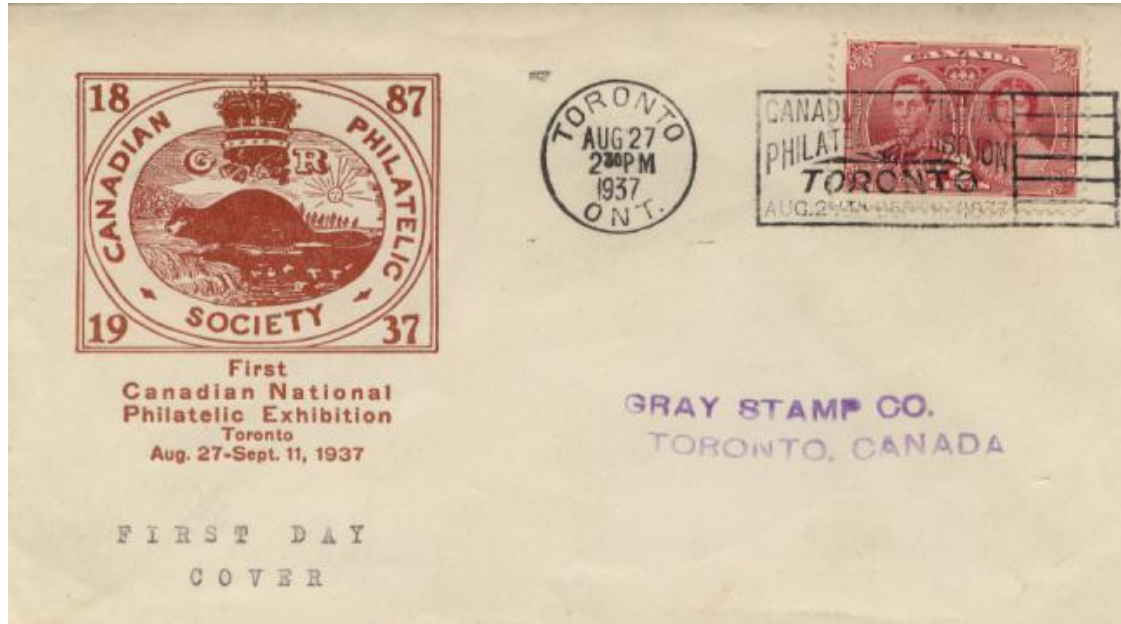
In 1928, the BCPS organized the
third British Columbia philatelic
exhibition.

Vancouver, 13-14 April.

Billed as the "Second International".



What happened to the fourth National?



“First (!) Canadian National Philatelic Exhibition”
Held from 27 August to 11 September 1937 in Toronto.
NOT a first day cover. The stamp was issued on 10 May 1937.
The date in the postmark is the first day of the exhibition.

- In 1926, an International Exhibition was held in New York
 - 16-23 October 1926
- After 1925, no Canadian National was held until 1937
- The 1937 exhibition was the first large one to be hosted by a national society

What happened to the fourth National?



Gummed cinderella labels mark the 1937 exhibition

The text “CPS 1887” appears in the lower left corner of each label.

This suggests that the CPS was founded in 1887. The first national society was indeed founded that year.

However, the CPS of 1937 was founded as the Winnipeg Stamp Society in 1919.