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## NOTES AND COMMENTS

### Editorial

Owing to circumstances beyond our control the 'copy' for the June issue had to be in very early. The request from the printers for it to be sent within the next few days caught us napping. Hence we are afraid that this number will be smaller than usual and we apologise to those who have not had their material published. We very much regret this news but there was no alternative.

### Awards

It was with great pride that we read that Mr. Winthrop S. Boggs had been elected to the Roll of Distinguished Philatelists. To collectors of B.N.A. he is known mainly for his major work on Canada, also Newfoundland, and has from time to time contributed articles to Maple Leaves. On behalf of all our members we offer him our congratulations on this award which has most fittingly been bestowed on him.

### Advertisers

We welcome to our regular advertisers the firm of Stanley Gibbons Ltd. It would be timely to point out that we hope our members give all advertisers in our columns their support. Please say you saw it in "Maple Leaves" when you do so.

### Sussex Convention

A most welcome invitation from Stanley Godden to the Sussex Federation Convention which was held in the favourite residence of the Prince Regent, later George IV, the Brighton Pavilion. The weather was most unkind and a jaunt along the front was enough to daunt any spirit. However, the warmth of friendship at the Pavilion soon dispersed the gloomy feelings. The West Indies Study Group gave us a lively display and, after tea, Mr. Robson Lowe gave us a talk on the "behind the scenes" happenings of the London International Exhibition 1960. Until one hears this talk it is hard to realise what hard work all the people concerned are putting into the project. Congratulations to them. Thank you Brighton for a very happy afternoon and evening. May the sun shine for you at Lewes in July.

**London International, 1960.**

The plans of the Society to celebrate this event are beginning to take shape. Mr. Geoff. Harper has reserved a room at the Connaught Rooms in London for a Reception and Luncheon. Further details will be announced in due course. The possible cost will be about 1 guinea a head.

A note from Hedley Hollands, who obviously has in mind the exodus of Canadian members to our shores whilst the Exhibition is on. He has ascertained from K.L.M. Airways the possibility of chartering a plane to fly members over here. The normal fare is about \$450. With a minimum number of 60 this cost could be reduced to the region of \$300 to \$325 return per person. The saving of \$125 for the individual would help to defray the hotel costs in London. On Charter with K.L.M. the service given would be 1st Class.

The flight would start at Toronto and then go on to Montreal to pick up other passengers, after this a direct flight to London.

Will any of our Canadian members who are really interested in this plan contact Mr. Hollands **direct** at 2500 Benny Crescent, Apt. 702, Montreal. Please write to him as soon as possible. At the latest he must know by October 1959.

**Holidays**

The Editor will not be answering any mail between June 1st to June 27th. Likewise, the Treasurer will be on holiday during the whole of August.

**Handbooks**

Our handbook on Duplex is well on the way to publication and we shall be making announcements regarding publication in the August issue. Members who wish to have copies can, if they wish, book their copy now. The price will be 7/6d plus postage.

The manuscript of the revised handbook on Canadian Squared Circles has been sent to the printer and should be available from B.N.A.P.S. in about two months. Copies will be available from the Editor of B.N.A. Topics, Mr. Gordon P. Lewis, 37, Eldomar Ave., Brampton, Ont. Canada. Price is not known but it will be double the size of the 1st edition and will be bang up to date.

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## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

**NOMINATIONS OF OFFICERS AND FELLOWS.**

Members are again reminded that in accordance with the Society's rules, nominations for the Officers of the Society to be considered at the Annual General Meeting at Edinburgh during October 7th to 11th must be sent to the Secretary not later than July 7th.

Nominations for Fellowship which must be made on the appropriate form obtainable from the Secretary, must be received by August 7th.

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## CONVENTION NOTES

Arrangements for the Edinburgh Convention are slowly taking shape. The programme cannot be available before August but some matters require early attention.

**HOTEL RESERVATIONS**  
**GROSVENOR HOTEL, EDINBURGH**

**WEDNESDAY 7th to SATURDAY, 10th OCTOBER, 1959**

A few reservations have come to hand but it would help greatly if the booking form which accompanies this issue was completed and returned as soon as possible to me J. J. Bonar, 30 Greenhill Gardens, Edinburgh 10. The alternatives and the charges are clearly set out on the form.

**CONVENTION EXHIBITION**

There will be no change this year in the classes for competition. They will again be :—

- (1) Research and Study
- (2) Group Displays
- (3) Contributed Displays
  - (a) British North America to 1900  
(including the Numeral Issue)
  - (b) British North America from 1902

The 'Stanley Godden' Trophy will be awarded for the best display in any class complying with the conditions of gift (see Maple Leaves—Feb. 1956) and the 'Bunny' Cup for the best post 1900 display.

Entries may be of 6, 12 or 18 sheets. An ample supply of frames is available. Entries should be sent, to arrive not earlier than 1st September, to J. A. Grant, 11 Gordon Road, Edinburgh 12. To assist in planning the Exhibition it would be a help if an intimation of forthcoming entries, with particulars of the class and the number of sheets, was sent to Mr Grant as early as possible. Entries will only be acknowledged if a stamped addressed envelope or card accompanies them.

**CONVENTION PROGRAMME**

There will be some changes from recent programmes. There will be only two invitation displays leaving members with a free evening. One of the displays will break new ground. As this year is the centenary of the first Decimal Currency Issue the Society has been fortunate in receiving an offer from Arnold Banfield of Oakville, Ontario to send a display of the 10ct Prince Consort from his wonderful collection of this issue.

Other events will follow the familiar pattern. Two bus tours are proposed. The Annual General Meeting will be on Saturday forenoon, 10th Oct., the Auction in the afternoon and the Dinner in the evening.

J. J. BONAR.

**1959 CONVENTION AUCTION**

Despite all my previous resolutions I have been persuaded once more to undertake the 1959 Auction. Mr. A. Findlay, our Glasgow member is giving me his valuable assistance.

The Treasurer has advised me that in order to keep the Convention Fund out of the red, the Scottish Auction in October will have to be a very good one.

To give me a really very good start, our President, Col. Duncan McLellan and Mrs. McLellan visited me on Sunday, 12th April, 1959. In addition to having the pleasure of their visit, the President started off the Convention Auction by a splendid gift. This consists of a 15c L.C. 3 dot variety; three copies of the 15c L.C. perf. 11½ x 12; 1c Inland Revenue plus the 1c postage, both on the one piece, cancelled Winnipeg 20. 4. 1915; an 1868 1c L.C. in colour of issue, plate proof, imperf. and on card. My valuation for these lots is a minimum of £17.

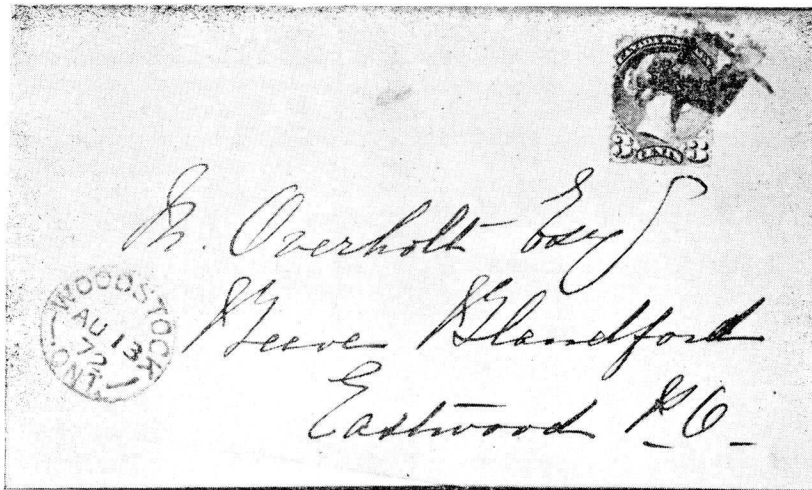
The Convention Auction will be held at the Grosvenor Hotel, Grosvenor Street, Edinburgh, on Saturday, 10th October, 1959. Lots for inclusion should be sent to my home address. Please ensure that all lots are securely mounted. A short description of each lot plus your own estimated valuation and your reserve, if any, should be included. Kindly make those valuations and reserves reasonable, otherwise you may get the lot back. It is better to have this happen after the Auction than before it.

All lots for inclusion in the Catalogue, which will be available free to vendors and at a charge of 6d. to others, should reach me by 29th August, 1959 at latest.

D. GARDNER.

### 'INITIALS' AND 'LETTER' CANCELLATIONS OF CANADA

By E. A. SMYTHIES, F.R.P.S.L. (840)



In October last, 'Maple Leaves' published an article which I wrote on Canadian 'Cork' Cancellations, this described and illustrated all principal types except "Postmasters Initials" and "Letters". This article is in a way a supplement, attempting a small way to deal with types previously omitted.

The number of different cancels of the Letter type is unknown but enormous; Jarrett's 1929 catalogue enumerates about 100 without being at all complete. Identification of the post office of origin and what the letter stood was about 50% unknown. Collectors and cancel specialists naturally wish to know these points, but it is astonishingly difficult to obtain the required data. A stamp like the Small Queens, 3 cents orange, worth about 6d in the ordinary way, frequently jumps to £1 to £2 for some of these letter cancels, and leaps to £7 to £10 if on original cover showing office of origin. Such covers appear to be exceptionally scarce. In three large Canadian collections which have recently come on the market, the Gould collection had three or four, the fabulous Bertram collection had just one, the C.F. Bowman had none at all (but 60 or so specimens off cover).

With the kind assistance of several correspondents in Canada and elsewhere, I have been able to locate and illustrate a dozen or so, the majority of which have not been recorded before. This is a feeble start, but it is at least a start, which, I hope, will induce other collectors to record new varieties.

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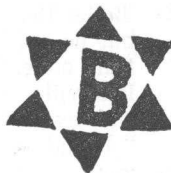
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One feature characteristic of these letter type cancellations seems to be that the majority of them—at least the majority of those whose places of origin have been determined—come from smaller post offices, and, with few exceptions, the larger post offices, such as Montreal, Toronto, Quebec, Hamilton, London, St. John, N.B., Winnipeg, Vancouver, etc. were not members of the “Initials Club”. This was probably due to the fact that these larger post offices were better provided with official cancelling instruments, such as duplex hammers, 2-ring numerals, 2-ring targets and the like. The smaller post offices were left to fend for themselves, and the local postmasters egotistically adopted initials and letters, representing either their towns or themselves. If this idea is correct, it would also explain why many of these letter cancels are so scarce. Comparatively short-lived cancels used 80 or 90 years ago in petty offices like wayside stations and smaller hamlets could scarcely be common !

**Plate I** shows 15 tracings of Cancels where the post offices of origin are known, they are described below.

- (1) **Avonport Station N.S. 1886.** A very pretty and highly decorated ‘A’. The few strikes I have seen were very clear and in purple. A card in the Willcock collection fixes the locality and date of use. Not recorded in Jarrett.
- (2) **Beachville, Ont. 1872.** This is one of the rare Masonic signs, a compass and set-square, and it may well be asked, what has this to do with letters ? Actually, it is a very ingenious way, adopted by the local postmaster to indicate his own name not too blatantly. His name was Mason and this is his sign. Recorded by Jarrett.
- (3) **Belleville, Ont. 1891.** This cancel was recorded by Jarrett (1038) but he could not locate it. The solitary “letter” cover in the Bertram collection had three clear strikes of it and showed it was used in Belleville, but it did not explain why a member of the aristocratic and exclusive “Duplex Circle” should want to join the humble “Initials Club”.
- (4) **Bridgewater ?1878.** A fanciful letter ‘B’ in the Gould collection. This was labelled “Bridgewater” but requires confirmation. Not recorded by Jarrett.
- (5) **Granville Centre, N.S. 1889.** The double-lined ‘G’ appears to be rare, and on cover possibly unique ! Granville Centre (now abandoned) was a small P.O. 5 miles from Granville Ferry. Mr W. E. Lea who supplied the cover also sent the following interesting historical note :—“It was called Granville in honour of Lord John Carteret, who became Earl Granville in 1744, and was English Secretary of State. On what was known as the Granville Shore opposite Goat Island, is the site of the first European Settlement in North America. Here the senior De La Tour built his first fort”. Not recorded by Jarrett.
- (6) **Georgetown, Ont.** A solid ‘G’, with traces of a circle. Seen in the Gould collection. No further details are available about it. Not recorded by Jarrett.
- (7) **Kentville, N.S. 1899.** A thin ‘K’ on a black background. Recorded but not located by Jarrett. This cancel was in very late use as these letter cancellations were mostly given up long before 1899.
- (8) **Lilley’s Corner 1875.** A large solid ‘L’ seen on piece in the Gould collection. Not recorded by Jarrett, and there is now no post office of this name in the list of Canadian P.O’s.
- (9) **Oshawa, Ont. about 1868-69.** This handsome cancel of ‘B’ in a star was illustrated (but not located) by Jarrett. In recent auction

PLATE II



catalogues it has been described as from Oshawa. I have a copy on an early print of the L.Q.3 cents, which indicates use about 1868-9. What 'B' stands for is not known.

- (10) **Paradise Lane, N.S. 1885.** A large solid 'P' in the Gordon collection, on cover which fixes the location and date. Not recorded by Jarrett, although it is rather like his No. 1070. Paradise Lane has also disappeared from the list of Canadian P.O's., although there is still a Paradise, N.S.
- (11) **Port Carling, Ont. 1875.** Recorded by Jarrett and also by Scott in "Stamp Collecting" August 1957. The initials 'BHJ' are those of the postmaster Benjamin Hardcastle Johnston. It may be mentioned that this postmaster made a rather similar cancel a year earlier, but with the initials 'MS', standing for "Muboka Steamer", when this wore out, he substituted his own initials.
- (12) **St. Francis-du-Lac, Que. 1881.** This cancel 'YK' was recorded (but not located) by Jarrett, and has recently been described in Maple Leaves. On cover which fixes the location and date. The initials 'YK' are not those of the postmaster, but indicate the County Yamaska. Incidentally, Jarrett's illustration is not quite accurate. The 'K' is the wrong shape and there is no full stop after it.
- (13) **Wakefield, Que.** A large solid 'W' in the Bowman collection. Not recorded by Jarrett, and no further details are known.
- (14) **New Westminster, B.C. 1881.** This curious reversed 'N' in a circle is well known. It was recorded and located by Jarrett, and several examples are known in various collections.
- (15) **Lambton Mills, 1880.** According to the list of the Canadian P.O's, this appears to be a sub-office of Toronto. Recorded and located by Jarrett and in the Gould collection. This 'VR' cancel was followed in 1883 by another type of 'VR'. It is not known why Lambton Mills was so fond of these initials, perhaps they indicated the postmaster?

It will be noted that three of these offices, i.e. 20% have now disappeared from the current list of Canadian P.O's., an unusually high proportion, and that only one of these cancels comes from a large P.O. with a regular supply of duplex hammers. This tends to support the suggestion that the majority of these 'Initials' and 'Letter' cancels were used in small post offices.

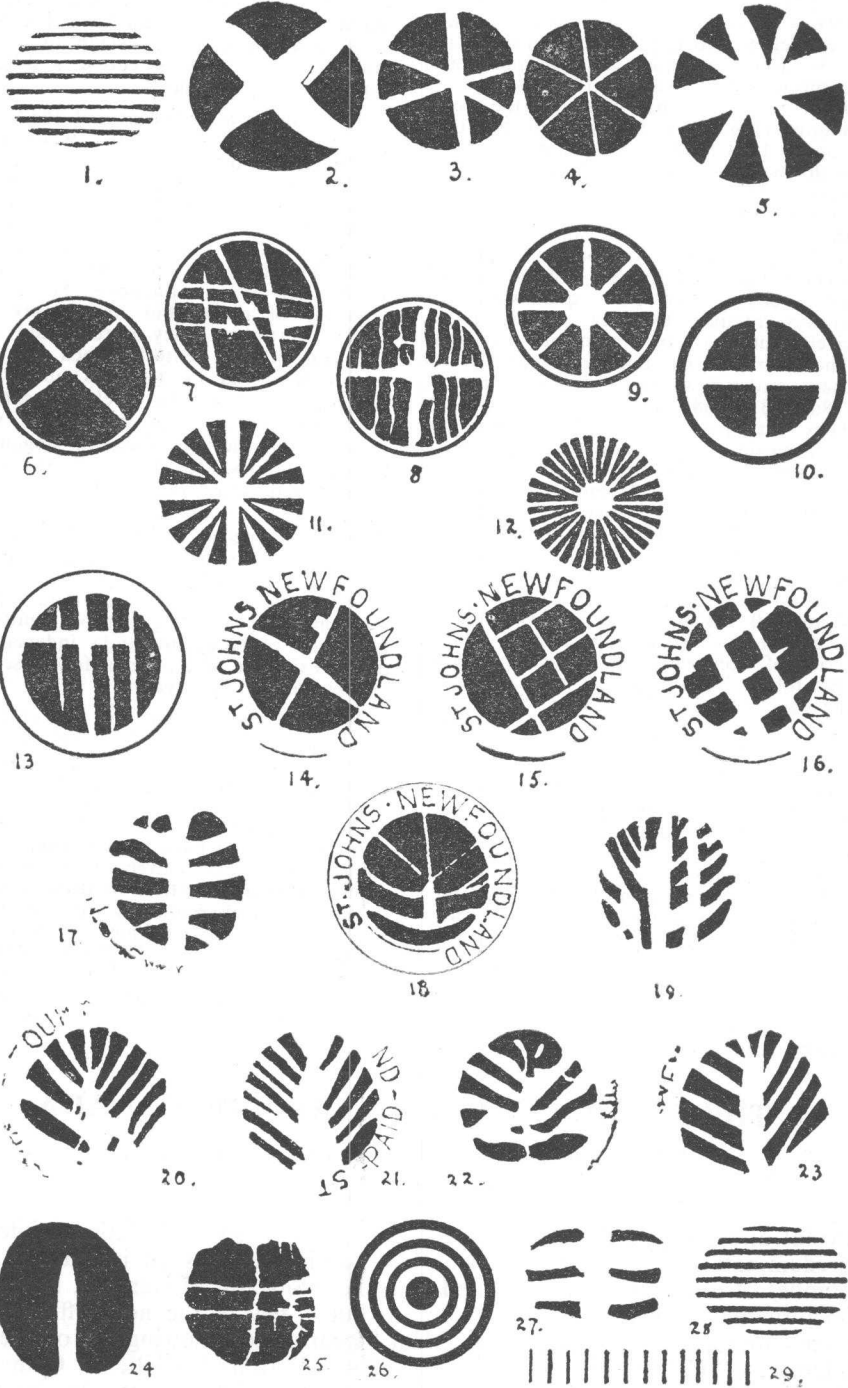
**Plate II** shows a further 15 tracings of these 'Letter' cancels, obtained from example in the Gould, Bowman and my own collections, about which no further details are known, when and where they were used or what they stand for? I have made these tracings in the hope that someone, somewhere, will be able to tell us something about them. Many of them have not been recorded by Jarrett (or anyone else so far as I know). It would be easy to show several plates of these unknown 'Letter' cancellations—Jarrett, for instance, records several dozen, and Robson Lowe's catalogue of the Bowman (C.F.) collection illustrates many more. But the difficulty, as previously emphasised, is to locate and explain them.

This article has been published in the hope it may stimulate our postmarks specialists to examine their collections and fill in some of the innumerable gaps that still exist in our knowledge of these cancellations.



# NEWFOUNDLAND CORNER

By DR. R. WILLAN, F.C.P.S.



The introduction of postage stamps for the prepayment of letters in 1857 necessitated a device for cancelling the stamps. It was forbidden to use the existing date stamps for this purpose, but no obliterated were issued to the postmasters, who were left to procure their own instruments.

St. John's obtained a metal obliterator comprising an oval of 10 thin bars, 17 x 21 mm. This was used on the pence stamps (Fig. 1) and was employed until about 1864. After that date we begin with the so-called "cork" cancels, which were used almost exclusively for the next twenty years. The material from which these were cut was not always cork, some probably being in wood and some in metal. The earliest St. John's "corks" were circles cut into quadrants, not always regular by any means. Later, circles cut into 6 or 8 segments were used. There are many different examples of these, and a few are illustrated in Figs. 2 (1865), 3 (1868), 4 (1870) and 5 (1881). They vary from 18 to 23 mm diameter. It is curious that a plain solid circle does not seem to have been used until 1877 when there was one 21 mm diameter, and another of 22 mm appears in 1882. Fig. 6, appearing in 1866 was the first of a series of which 7 and 8 are examples, the regular outer circle being a metal ring with a "cork" inserted in the centre. Nos. 9 and 10 (1875) are probably entirely metal. In 1867 we find the first of a large series of obliterated in which the name "St. John's Newfoundland" appears round the edge. This is a metal ring with a cork insert. I do not know how many of these outer name-rings were used, but there are at least two reading "St. John's Newfoundland" with completing arcs of different length, and one reading "St. John's Newfoundland Paid". All are 25 mm diameter. Perfect strikes of any of these obliterated are non-existent. Usually the cork projected somewhat beyond the outer ring with the result that the cork impression is adequate, though often somewhat distorted, but the name only shows undecipherable markings or at best a few letters at one side. Several strikes are necessary to get a complete tracing of the mark. Although type 14, with a short

arc, is found as early as 1867, most of these do not appear before 1873 (15 and 16). From 1877 we find a great variety of leaf designs (17 to 23 are examples). All the leaves I have seen are from St. John's, and I believe all have the name ring with the possible exemption of 19, used in 1880. 18 is of course a different type, possibly all metal.

Bar cancels, after the one of 1857, were not used until about 1867 when there was a vertical oval 22½ x 20 mm of 5 very thick bars, but after 1885 bar obliterated replaced all other types. Most are circular, 23 to 25 mm diameter but a vertical oval 24 x 20 mm was in use in 1898. The bars vary in number from 8 to 10, and also in thickness. Some were possibly of metal, but many were certainly of rubber. They were in use until the end of the century, when the date stamp began to be used as obliterator, and after the installing of electric cancelling machines, most of the stamps were cancelled by the wavy lines or slogans of these machines. It should however be remembered that registered mail at St. John's was always stamped by hand. From 1890 special registered date stamps were applied to the face of the letter and the bar obliterated were used to deface the adhesives. The registered date stamps were not used for this purpose until the last years of Newfoundland's independent postal existence, except in a few cases by carelessness or by favour.

In this brief summary of the obliterated of St. John's I have omitted reference to certain types. I recently wrote a note in *Maple Leaves* about duplex hammers, and further reference to these can be left until further information and material have been obtained. The controversial "235 between bars" of 1886 would require an article in itself. Finally the roller cancels require a separate study.

The illustration includes a few examples (11, 12 and 24 to 29) of obliterated used at offices outside St. John's, but these and the subject of provincial obliterated in general must be deferred to the next issue.


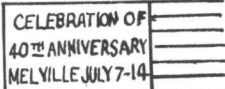







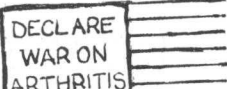

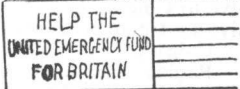

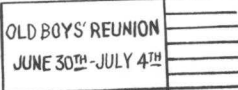

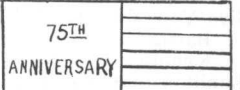
## THE SLOGAN CANCELLATIONS OF CANADA

By the Slogan Study Circle of the C.P.S. of G.B.

### PART. XVII

Postal directives, National Charity Appeals, and Slogans of National interest predominate the years of 1948 and 1949, and there was an increase in the number of different offices allocated with these Slogans. Liverpool, Dauphin, Victoriaville, Flin Flon, Summerside are but a few of the new Office place names to appear. Of the Special Event Slogans, the following are of special interest :—"Celebration of 40th Anniversary" from Melville, "Come to Golden Jubilee" from Dauphin, Centennials from Fredericton and Kincar-

dine, and the International Philatelic Exhibition at New Westminster in 1948, the Diamond Jubilee from Amherst and the 75th Anniversary from Winnipeg in 1949, and the World Trade Week of 1948 with the Canadian International Trade Fair of 1949, both the latter being used from a number of different offices.

## 1948

Address Your Mail to Street and Number  
 Kamloops Owen Sound  
 Advise Correspondents of Your Correct Address  
 Bellville Kelowna Liverpool Lunenburg  
 Ottawa St. Catharines Waterloo  
 Advise Your Correspondents of Your Correct Post Office Address  
 Goderich Niagara Falls Vernon  
 Air Mail. Safe, Sure, Speedy  
 Amherst Brockville Cobourg Halifax  
 New Westminster Toronto Yarmouth  
 Air Mail Speeds Business  
 Gravenhurst Listowel Medicine Hat North Battleford  
 Port Hope Swift Current Trail Truro  
 Annual Air Show Calgary Sept. 4th. 5th. Calgary  
 Beautify Toronto May 15-19. 1948 Toronto  
 Be Kind to Animals Week Hamilton  
 Buy and Use Crippled Children Easter Seals  
 Brantford Brockville Guelph Hamilton  
 Kingston London North Bay Oshawa  
 Ottawa St. Catharines Stratford Toronto  
 Woodstock  
 Buy Christmas Seals Hamilton  
 Buy T.B. Christmas Seals. Fight Tuberculosis Toronto  
 Calgary Exhibition and Stampede July 5-10. 1948 Calgary  
 Canada's Doors are Open to Tourists Victoria  
 Canada Helps Hungry Minds Hungry Bodies  
 Edmonton Fredericton Halifax Ottawa  
 Regina Toronto Vancouver Winnipeg  
 Canada Helps Hungry Minds Hungry Bodies Biling. Montreal  
 Celebration of 40th Anniversary Melville July 4-10 Melville

Chest X Ray Finds Early T.B. Free Chest X-Ray			Edmonton
Children's Milk Fund Tag Day May 15			Toronto
Civic Voters Register Now			New Westminster
Come to Our Golden Jubilee			Dauphin
Come to the Festival Mission City			Mission City
Compass Direction Necessary on Mail for Calgary			Calgary
Declare War on Arthritis			
Nanaimo	New Westminster	Vancouver	Victoria
Do Not Place Money in Unregistered Mail			
Melville	New Westminster		
Eat Right for Health			
Halifax	Winnipeg		
Eat Right for Health			Biling. Montreal
Edmonton Exhibition July 12-17			Edmonton
Enroll to Conquer Cancer			
Ottawa	Toronto		
Everybody Benefits. Everybody Gives			Winnipeg
Fight Cancer			Biling. Montreal
Fight T.B. With Christmas Seals			
Calgary	Edmonton	Fredericton	
Fisheries Exhibition Lunenburg Sept. 14-18			Lunenburg
Fredericton Centennial July 25-31—1948			Fredericton
Give Now to Your Community Chest			St. John
Give to Community Chest			Victoria
Give to Conquer Cancer			
Calgary	Halifax	Lethbridge	London
Regina	St. John	Vancouver	Winnipeg
Give to the Blind April 12—May 1			Toronto
Give Wings to Your Mail			
Fort Frances	Guelph	Nelson	Swift Current
Welland			
Give Your Change of Address to the Postmaster			
Barrie	Bridgewater	Chatham	Dauphin
Kenora			
Hamilton Industrial Fair and Motor Show April 21st.-24th.			Hamilton
Have Postal Address on All Stationery			
Bridgewater	Mission City		
Help Prevent Fires			London
Help Prevent Forest Fires			Kamloops
Help the Red Cross			
Brandon	Calgary	Drumheller	Edmonton
Fort William	Halifax	Hamilton	Lethbridge
London	Moncton	Moose Jaw	Ottawa
St. John	Saskatoon	Toronto	Vancouver
Victoria	Windsor	Winnipeg	
Help the Red Cross			Biling.
Drummondville	Montreal	Quebec	
Help the United Emergency Fund for Britain			
Fredericton	Halifax	Ottawa	Saskatoon
Toronto	Vancouver		
Help United Emergency Fund for Britain			Biling. Montreal
Holiday this Year in Canada			Sioux Look Out
Industrial Exposition Vernon B.C. May 5-8			Vernon
Insure Your Parcels at the Post Office			
Campbelltown	Chatham	Chilliwacki	Cornwall
Dartmouth (Halifax)	Lunenburg	Lloydminster	St. Thomas
Sydney	The Pas	Trail	Woodstock
Insure Your Parcels at the Post Office			Biling. St. Jean
International Philatelic Exhibition New Westminster May 28-30			New Westminster
Invest in Post Office Savings Bank			
Prince Rupert	Prescott	Simcoe	
Invest in Post Office Savings Bank			Biling.
Chicoutimi	St. Jean		
Jour du Souvenir Legion Canadienne Coquelicots Vetcraft			Quebec
Kelowna Regatta Aug. 3, 4.			Kelowna
Kincardine Centennial 28 July 2 Aug.			Kincardine
Know Your Library Week Sept. 27-Oct. 2			Windsor
Let Us Give to the University			Biling. Quebec
Let X Ray Say Okay			Hamilton
Lloydminster Exhibition July 19-20-21			Lloydminster

Mail Early and Take Advantage of Midday Mails			Parry Sound
Mail Early. Be Sure Your Gifts Arrive in Time			Estevan
Mail Early for Christmas			St. John
Edmonton	Halifax	Ottawa	
Toronto	Victoria	Winnipeg	
Mail Early for Christmas			Biling.
Montreal	Quebec		
Mail Your Christmas Parcels Early			Kamloops
Miss Canada Pageant Aug. 20th.			Hamilton
North Bay Snow Frolic Jan. 29th.-Feb. 1st.			North Bay
Observe Education Week			Vancouver
Observe Sunday			
Belleville	Edmonton	Fredericton	Halifax
London	Moose Jaw	Ottawa	St. John
Toronto	Vancouver	Winnipeg	
Observe Sunday			Biling.
Montreal	Quebec	Rimouski	
Old Home Week North Bay Aug. 15th.-21st.			Victoriaville
Old Home Week June 27 - July 3. Perth Ont.			North Bay
Old Home Week Woodstock N.B. Aug. 23 - 28			Perth
Ottawa Exhibition Aug. 23rd. - 28th. Everybody Goes			Woodstock
Parcel Post Reaches Everywhere			Ottawa
Aylmer West	Belleville	Bracebridge	Campbelltown
Charlottetown	Chatham	Drumheller	Dundas
Estevan	Flin Flon	Galt	Garranoque
Georgetown	Kamloops	Kenora	Kentville
Leamington	Melville	Napanee	Port Alberni
Sarnia	Sault Ste Marie	Sudbury	
Parcel Post Reaches Everywhere			Biling.
Amos	St. Hyacinthe	Valleyfield	
Pay Small Accounts by Postal Note. Safe, Cheap			Ottawa
Penticton Festival Aug. 18-20			Penticton
Place Return Address on All Mail			
Haileybury	North Sydney	Penticton	Timmins
Plan to Attend Fat Stock Show Kamloops B.C.			Kamloops
Please Have Your Mail Addressed to Street and Number			
Kamloops	Timmins		
Post Office C.O.D. Gives Satisfaction			
Kirkland Lake	Ottawa	Timmins	
Post Office Money Orders Cover the Globe. Use Them			
Dartmouth (Halifax)	Humboldt	Kentville	Kimberley
Kincardine	Kingston	Summerside	
Post Your Mail When Ready and Ensure Early Handling			
Edmonton	Galt		
Protect Your Parcels. Address Distinctly, Wrap Carefully, Insure			
Banff	Drumheller	Dundas	Georgetown
Goderich	Haileybury	London	Mission City
New Glasgow	Niagara Falls	Perth	Powell River
Prescott	Preston		
Recreation Centres Keep You Fit			Vancouver
Recreation Week Edmonton			Edmonton
Register All Letters of Value			
Aurora	Bridgewater	Campbelltown	Dundas
Estevan	Flin Flon	Galt	Haileybury
Kentville	New Westminster	North Sydney	Prescott
The Pas	Trail	Vernon	Windsor
Register All Letters of Value			Biling. St. Hyacinthe
Remembrance Day. Canadian Legion Vetrcraft Poppies			
Brantford	Calgary	Edmonton	Fredericton
London	Moose Jaw	Ottawa	Saint John
Sault Ste Marie	Saskatoon	Sudbury	Toronto
Vancouver			
Remembrance Day. Canadian Legion Vetrcraft Poppies			Biling. Montreal
Royal Winter Fair Toronto Nov. 16th. - 24th. 1948			Toronto
Safety Convention Toronto April 19 - 20			Toronto
Save Time. Fly Your Mail			
Brandon	Calgary	Cobourg	Owen Sound

Save Time. Use Air Mail	Antigonish	Brandon	Brantford	Charlottetown
	Cornwall	Fort Erie North	Fort Frances	Kentville
	Liverpool	North Battleford	Oakville	Ottawa
	Prince Rupert	Sioux LookOut	Smiths Falls	Stratford
	Toronto	Woodstock		
Save Time. Use Air Mail	Montreal	Quebec		Biling.
See the Exposition Provinciale	Quebec.	The Greatest Event of the Season.		Biling
				Quebec
Send Your Money by Post Office Money Order				Powell River
Serve Canada through Canada's Armed Forces	Charlottetown	Edmonton	Halifax	Ottawa
	Regina	St. John	Toronto	Vancouver
	Winnipeg			Edmonton
Share With the Hungry				Edmonton
Stamped Envelopes Save Time and Money	Banff	Barrie	Oakville	Orillia
	Parry Sound			
Stamp Out Syphillis in Saskatchewan				North Battleford
Stop Forest Fires	Charlottetown	Halifax		
Support Generously Your Community Chest				Kingston
Support the Memorial Centre Fund				St. Thomas
Support the Save the Children Fund				Biling. Montreal
Support Welfare Campaign				Biling. Montreal
Support Your Community Chest				Oshawa
Symphony Week in Toronto	Sept. 27th - Oct. 4th.			Toronto
Toxoid Prevents Diphtheria				Toronto
Use Postal Notes. Safe, Cheap, Convenient	Calgary	Flin Flon	Nanaimo	Port Colbourne
Use Post Office Money Orders	Fort Frances	Gravenhurst	Napanee	Picton
	Prince Albert	Yarmouth		
Use Post Office Money Orders	Hull	St. Hyacinthe		Biling.
Visit Postal Exhibit at the Fall Fair	Sept. 21 - 23			Kamloops
Visit Regina Exhibition and Rodeo	July 26 - 31			Regina
Visit the Saskatoon Exhibition	July 19 - 24			Saskatoon
Visit the Stampede Kamloops Dominion Day				Kamloops
Vote!				Winnipeg
Vote as You Like but Vote				Windsor
Vote as You Please but Vote				Saskatoon
Welcome to Lindsay Old Home Week	July 1st - 6th			Lindsay
Western Fair London Ontario	Sept. 13 - 18			London
Windsor Ontario Industrial Exhibition	April 28 - May 1			Windsor
World Trade Week	May 30th - June 5th, 1948			
	Edmonton	Halifax	Ottawa	Regina
	St. John	Toronto	Vancouver	Winnipeg
World Trade Week	May 30th - June 5th, 1948			Biling. Montreal
Write Often and Keep the Family Together	Bracebridge	Orillia	Port Colbourne	Timmins
Your Friend Will Appreciate a Letter. Write Today	Belleville	Gravenhurst	Oshawa	Prince Albert
	Stratford	Sydney		

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Address Your Mail to Street and Number				Kamloops
Advise Correspondents of Your Correct Address	Kentville	Kingston		
Advise Correspondents of Your Correct Post Office Address	Dartmouth (Halifax)	Kamloops		
Antigonish Highland Games	Wednesday	July 20		Antigonish
Apple Blossom Festival	June 3 - 6			Kentville
Be a Blood Donor				Biling. Montreal
Beautify Toronto	May 14 - 28, 1949			Toronto
Be Courteous to Tourists				Vancouver
Blood Donors Save Lives	Hamilton	Toronto		

Buy and Use Crippled Children Easter Seals				
Chatham	Fort William	Hamilton		Kingston
Oshawa	Ottawa	St. Catharines		Stratford
Toronto				
Buy T.B. Christmas Seals. Fight Tuberculosis				Toronto
Calgary Exhibition and Stampede July - 11 - 16 - -1949				Calgary
Canadian International Trade Fair May 30 - June 10				
Charlottetown	Edmonton	Halifax		Ottawa
Regina	St. John	Toronto		Vancouver
Winnipeg				
Canadian National Exhibition Toronto Aug. 26 - Sept. 10, 1949				Toronto
Celebrate May 24th in Victoria				Victoria
Children's Milk Fund Tag Day May 14				Toronto
Clean, Paint, Beautify, Montreal			Biling.	Montreal
Come to the Circus May 16 - 21				Calgary
Come to the Jubilee May 21 - 24				Nanaimo
Compass Direction Necessary on All Mail for Calgary				Calgary
Declare War on Arthritis				
New Westminster	Vancouver			
Diamond Jubilee Old Home Week July 31 - Aug. 4, 1949				Amherst
Do Not Place Money in Unregistered Mail				Dundas
Eat Right for Health				
Halifax	Winnipeg			
Edmonton Exhibition July 18 - 25				Edmonton
Everybody Benefits. Everybody Gives				Winnipeg
Exposition Fair Aout 10 - -15 August				Valleyfield
Fight Cancer			Biling.	Montreal
Fight T.B. With Christmas Seals				
Calgary	Drumheller	Edmonton		Medicine Hat
Fisheries Exhibition Lunenburg Sept. 13 - 17				Lunenburg
Give Enough Through Your Community Chest				
Halifax	London	St. Thomas		Saskatoon
Toronto				
Give to Community Chest				Victoria
Give That a Child Will Live				Toronto
Give Through Your Community Chest				Hamilton
Give to Conquer Cancer				
Calgary	Halifax	Hamilton		Kingston
London	New Westminster	Ottawa		Regina
St. John	Vancouver	Victoria		
Give to the Blind April 18 - May 7				Toronto
Give Your Change of Address to the Postmaster				Humboldt
Hamilton Industrial Fair and Motor Show April 26 - 30				Hamilton
Have Postal Address on All Stationery				
Chatham	Kelowna			
Help Beautify Our Community				Edmonton
Help by Buying Easter Seals			Biling.	Montreal
Help Prevent Forest Fires				
Kamloops	Ottawa	Regina		Toronto
Vancouver	Winnipeg			
Help the Red Cross				
Edmonton	Halifax	Hamilton		Lethbridge
London	Ottawa	St. John's N.F.		Toronto
Vancouver	Victoria	Windsor		Winnipeg
Help the Red Cross			Biling.	
Drummondville	Montreal			
Help the Santa Claus Fund				Toronto
Help the United Emergency Fund for Britain				
Toronto	Winnipeg			
Help Your Community Chest Campaign				Chatham
Holiday This Year in Canada				Sioux LookOut
Industrial and Trade Fair Sept. 15th. to 30th. 1949				St. John's N.F.
Industrial Exposition Vernon May 11 - 14				Vernon
Insure Your Parcels at the Post Office				
Banff	Barrie	Brantford		Belleville
Campbelltown	Estevan	Galt		Kentville
Invest in Post Office Savings Bank				
Amherst	Prescott			
It's Vital! Vote!				Vancouver
Kelowna Regatta Aug. 2 - 3				Kelowna

Mail Early for Christmas			Victoria
Marine Industrial Exhibition Nov. - 14 - 19			Halifax
Music Festival Week			St. John
Navy Week Aug. 8 - 12			Victoria
Observe Sunday		Biling.	
Montreal	Shawinigan Falls		
Old Boys' Reunion June 30th - July 4th			Preston
Old Home Week June 19 - 25			London
Old Home Week June 30 - July 4			Oshawa
"Operation Safety" May- 14 - 21			Hamilton
Paint Up. Clean Up			Victoria
Parcel Post Reaches Everywhere			
Antigonish	Belleville	Chilliwaki	Drummondville
Edmonton	Galt	Kamloops	Kelowna
Kentville	Kincardine	Kingston	Kirkland Lake
Lunenburg	Nanaimo	Napanee	
Parcel Post Reaches Everywhere			Biling.
Hull	St. Hyacinthe	Victoriaville	
Philatelic Exhibition Jan. 14-16			Biling. Montreal
Philatelic Exhibition Apr. 21-23			Biling. Montreal
Place Return Address on All Mail			
Estevan	North Sydney		
Please Have Your Mail Addressed to Street and Number			Timmins
Post Office C.O.D. Gives Satisfaction			Coleman
Post Office Money Orders Cover the Globe. Use Them			
Haileybury	Midland	Mission City	
Post Your Mail When Ready and Ensure Early Handling			Nanaimo
Protect Your Parcels. Address Distinctly. Wrap Carefully. Insure			
Antigonish	Georgetown	Kamloops	North Sydney
Provincial Exhibition Aug. 1 - Aug. 6, 1949			Regina
Recreation Centres Keep You Fit			Vancouver
Register All Letters of Value			
Amherst	Aurora	Aylmer West	Brantford
Chatham	Kenora	Niagara Falls	Oshawa
Register All Letters of Value			Biling. St. Hyacinthe
Remembrance Day. Canadian Legion Vetrcraft Poppies			Ottawa
Royal Winter Fair Toronto Nov. 15 - 23, 1949			Toronto
Safety Convention Toronto April 4 - 5			Toronto
See Army Review 16 - 17 May			Winnipeg
See the Exposition Provinciale Quebec. The Greatest Event of the Season			Biling. Quebec
Serve Canada Through Canada's Armed Forces			Winnipeg
75th Anniversary			Winnipeg
Stamped Envelopes Save Time and Money			Antigonish
Stamp Out Syphilis in Saskatchewan			North Battleford
Stamp Out Tuberculosis			Brantford
Stop Forest Fires			St. John
Stop Forest Fires			Biling. Quebec
Support Generously Your Community Chest			Kingston
Support Shower of Dimes for Crippled Children			Victoria
Support the Blood Donor Campaign			Winnipeg
Support the Save the Children Fund			Biling. Montreal
Support Welfare Campaign			Biling. Montreal
Support Your Community Chest			
Calgary	Moose Jaw	Vancouver	
The Army is Security for Peace. Join Now			
Kingston	Ottawa		
The Christmas Seal Protects Your Home from Tuberculosis			
Charlottetown	Fredericton	Halifax	Ottawa
Regina	St. John	Winnipeg	
Tourist Dollars are National Dollars			
Calgary	Charlottetown	Edmonton	Halifax
St. John	Toronto	Vancouver	Victoria
Winnipeg			
Tourist Dollars are National \$ \$ \$ \$			Biling.
Montreal	Ottawa		
Toxoid Prevents Diptheria			Toronto
Use of Postal District No. Speeds Toronto Mail			Toronto
Use Postal Notes. Safe, Cheap, Convenient			Ottawa
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Saskatoon  
 Kamloops  
 St. Catharines  
 Brantford  
 London  
 Timmins

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### CANCELLATIONS



DEAR MR. WOODS,

Can any of the Society members help me over the enclosed cancellation?

The strike itself is in mauve and was amongst an assortment of the Admirals which recently came into my possession.

L. A. King.

### ADMIRAL PERFORATIONS

DEAR MR. WOODS,

In my letter in the April number of *Maple Leaves* on the subject of Perforating Machines I omitted to point out that there are two types of Line Perforating machines.

a. The Fixed Single Line Machine—Operating on a single line fixed bar of pins.

b. The Rotary Single Line Machine—Operating from pins round a wheel. Both types are different to the Comb Machine.

With reference to Mr. Reiche's letter in April *Maple Leaves*, I am sorry I still find myself at variance with him on a number of points.

1. Philatelic writings are as a rule an expression of opinions, surmises, and findings of the writer, which with the views of other collectors are ultimately knocked into shape, and from these collective ideas have evolved most of the knowledge we have today about stamps.

One does not need to be a precision engineer to be a philatelist, but to be

able to apply common logic and reasoning to an enquiring mind.

When all is said and done it is a hobby and interesting pastime we are pursuing, which makes philately worthwhile, and not a business.

I would add that the facilities laid open, so willingly, by papermakers, printers, etc., in co-operation with the modern philatelic societies, nowadays the average member of a society is given every opportunity of knowing the machines, materials, and processes involved in stamp production. So why should he not write on any subject he thinks fit if it gives him pleasure?

2. In Mr. Reiche's letter he still holds to the theory that shrinkage of paper was the cause of variations in the perforations. In my article I discount this possibility. If damped paper shrinks in drying out it does so only one way, across the weave, either horizontally or vertically. If as Mr. Reiche suggests the perforation variations are due to shrinkage, how do we account for the same constant perforations appearing both vertically and horizontally on the same stamp from a wet printing.

3. Again he still holds very emphatically that only one perforating machine was used throughout the life of the issue. My own contention was that two or more machines were used. In view of this I wrote to the Post Office Department at Ottawa on the subject and enclosed my article on the subject.

I add an extract from the letter I received in reply, dated 20th, November, 1958.

"It is known that, at the time the Admiral issue of stamps was manufactured, commencing in 1912, all stamp perforating was on single way perforators, **of which many were used.** These perforators were designed for uniform perforating. However **it is quite possible that variations, as mentioned in your letter did occur.**"

"Yours sincerely,

G. A. Boyle,

Deputy Postmaster General."

I think this letter is sufficient to confirm my theory. Incidentally the black type is mine.

Since writing the original check list I have found that Compound perforations

are much more common than the All Round perforations.

Again, as I forecast, other perforations would no doubt appear. Frank Keene of British Columbia very kindly made a wide check of his stamps and reported Perfs. 11.8 and 11.85, both of which I have been able to confirm among my own stamps.

The main point on the whole subject is not our disagreement about two decimal points, but the fact that a number of machines were used, and that constant perforation varieties exist.

Yours sincerely,  
A. E. Stephenson.

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#### ADMIRAL ISSUES

DEAR MR. WOODS,

I refer to the February issue articles on the Admirals, by ADANAC. Of the sur-

charged one line stamps Die II more than 200 copies must have been issued. I know of one plate block No. 162 and two plate blocks No. 163 in addition to blocks and singles mint and some used singles. If only a single sheet of 100 of each of the three known plateblocks was issued, this would make it 300 stamps.

If students would like to do further research in this interesting issue I would suggest a detailed study of the booklet stamps including the guide dots found in the margins. Mr G. C. Marler did show a very fine study of this subject at BYPEX (Ottawa). Another field would be the latent entries which may exist on the 3c red and 7c brown. Work along this line has been started in Canada.

Sincerely yours,

HANS REICHE.

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## LONDON INTERNATIONAL STAMP EXHIBITION, 1960

### Exhibition Magazine No. 1

The first issue of the Exhibition Magazine, "London 1960" has now been published and circulated to all guarantors, donors, secretaries of philatelic societies and all individuals who have taken an active part up-to-date in supporting the Exhibition.

Already over 1,000 well-wishers have completed the Subscriber-Donor form included in the Prospectus and have sent along a subscription of not less than 30/-. These subscribers have automatically received Magazine No. 1 and will also receive the subsequent magazines, the Exhibition Catalogue, the Final Report and an entrance ticket valid for the first day or any other day, a commemorative cover posted on the day of opening, a set of the publicity labels and any other Ex-

hibition souvenirs which may be issued. Those Subscriber-Donors whose subscription was not less than £2 will receive, in place of a ticket valid for one day, a season ticket for the duration of the Exhibition.

Magazine No. 1 gives up to date news of developments since publication of the Prospectus and names the International Jury drawn from 14 countries. General articles include one entitled, "A Look at London" in which stamp designs with a London association are described and one on the place of the Philatelic Congress of Great Britain in philatelic affairs.

Philatelists who have not subscribed the necessary minimum of 30/- are invited to do so and ensure receipt of this and all future Exhibition publications.

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## REVIEW

### CANADA—THE WAR TAX STAMPS

The latest of Billig's Specialized Catalogues, Volume 9, is one which will be received, one suspects, with gratitude and relief by most collectors of Canadian Admirals. This is "Canada—The War Tax Stamps" by the War Tax Study Group of the RA Stamp Club of Ottawa. It is a 36-page green-manilla-covered production of similar size to our Journal, and illustrated with 14 large photographs. The price is \$2.00, or about 14/6.

This handbook largely satisfies the long-felt need for reliable technical data on the War Tax issues, and it is pleasant to see the orphans of Canadian philately in a home of their own between these covers.

This study is the missing link between the two regular issues so admirably dealt with in Mr Marler's Notes on the 1911-1925 Issue, and the volumes together comprise the best source of information available about the Admirals.

It is an excellent job of collation and research, and besides giving data about dies, plates and their dates of approval, lathework, re-entries, retouches, hairlines, etc., gives more precise estimates of dates of issue and numbers printed. It establishes that the first War Tax stamps were issued about three weeks earlier than required by the Special War Revenue Act. There are important comments on the

imperforate and part perforate sheet stamps, and on the relative scarcity of other War Tax stamps which are very enlightening—indeed, overdue.

The final section attempts to deal with that bugbear of the Admirals, the values overprinted with WAR TAX and INLAND REVENUE WAR TAX. Probably all the real facts that can be known are contained in this three-page section, and while the authors have not investigated

the validity of the claim by some that these stamps were officially valid for postage, they have unwittingly or not given the impression that they were. This belief—unacceptable to many specialists—should not be allowed to share the factual air that surrounds the remainder of the work.

Otherwise, the group are to be congratulated on their fine and useful contribution to philatelic literature. A.L.S.

## POST OFFICE DEPARTMENT

### Joint Issue of Canada and United States Postage Stamps Commemorates Seaway Opening



The designs for the St. Lawrence Seaway commemorative postage stamps to be issued jointly by Canada and the United States, were released simultaneously in Ottawa and Washington by Postmaster General William Hamilton of Canada and Postmaster General Arthur E. Summerfield of the United States.

Except for the necessary differences in captions and denominations, the stamps are identical in design, the result of the co-operative efforts of Canadian artists A. L. Pollock and Gerald Trottier, and American artists William H. Buckley, Arnold J. Copeland and Ervine Metzl.

The stamps are in the 5 cent denomination for Canada and the 4 cent denomination for the United States, these being the respective rates for first class letter mail in each country. Forty million of the Canadian stamps and 120 million of the American stamps will be issued.

The Canadian stamp is bilingual with the heading "St. Lawrence Seaway Voie Maritime du ST-LAURENT", and the caption "Postages Postes" reproduced in both English and French. The United States version carries the caption "St. Lawrence Seaway" across the top of the stamp; "United States" across the bottom. The wording "Postage" is at the left and the denomination "4c" at the right.

The stamps for both nations will be printed in red and blue on white paper thereby utilizing the national colours of red, white and blue for both countries. Both stamps will have the Great Lakes and connecting links of the design on a blue background with captions in red.

Reproduced in white on both stamps are the emblems of both nations, the Maple Leaf for Canada, and the Eagle for the United States, enclosed in interlocking links superimposed over a background of the Great Lakes.

The stamps will be 0.84 inches high, and 1.31 inches long for the Canadian stamp and 0.84 inches high and 1.44 inches long for the American, both arranged horizontally.

The Canadian stamp, as is customary will have "First Day of Issue" cancellation in Ottawa.

The First-day sale of the American stamp will be at Massena, N.Y., the site for the Saint Lawrence Seaway Development Corporation in the United States. The two stamps will be placed on sale on June 26, 1959, the date on which the opening ceremony will be held by both countries.

Postmaster General William Hamilton in releasing the design of the stamp said:

"The St. Lawrence Seaway is an outstanding example of what has been achieved through the friendly co-operation of Canada and the United States, each dedicated to peaceful advancement of all mankind. At a time when international trade is so vital to the people of the free world, our joint stamp issue salutes the opening of a new link in a vastly improved channel for such trade and a powerful source of hydro-electric energy for both our nations."

Postmaster General Arthur E. Summerfield responded in a similar vein:

"The joint issuance of these stamps by Canada and the United States is one more instance of the increasingly close relationships between our two nations. The St Lawrence Seaway is a monument to the efforts of two sovereign nations and an outstanding example of international co-operation and good will. These beautiful new stamps worthily commemorate this great development which will mean so much to world trade and peace."

This is the first occasion that Canada and the United States have issued a stamp jointly.

## New Stamp to Mark Queen's Canadian Tour



The Honourable William Hamilton, Postmaster General, has announced the design of a new postage stamp to be issued in honour of the visit of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II and Prince Philip to Canada this year. The commemorative stamp will be placed on sale to the Public on June 18th, the day on which the Royal Couple will arrive at the airport at Torbay, Newfoundland.

The design of the stamp includes a likeness of Her Majesty taken from the well-known painting by Pietro Annigoni, which was commissioned in 1954 by the Worshipful Company of Fishmongers and which now hangs in their Hall near London Bridge. The dark red stamp is of the five-cent denomination, measures one inch wide and one and one half inches high, and is printed in vertical format in panes of fifty stamps each.

The Postmaster General pointed out that this is the third occasion on which the issue of commemorative stamps has marked the visit to Canada of a reigning sovereign. Three special stamps were issued in 1939 at the time of the Royal Visit of the late King George VI and Queen Elizabeth, the Queen Mother. In 1957 when Queen Elizabeth and Prince

Philip arrived in this country for the first time after her coronation, the postal tribute was a five-cent stamp portraying the profiles of the Royal Couple taken from a photograph by Karsh of Ottawa.

The outstanding event of the Royal Tour this year will be the official opening of the St. Lawrence Seaway. Tentative plans indicate that the visit will be an historic occasion as many cities and towns will welcome a reigning monarch for the first time. All the provinces, as well as Yukon and the Northwest Territories, are included in the coast-to-coast itinerary of the Royal Couple.

Authority to use the painting by Pietro Annigoni in the production of this stamp was obtained from the London "Times" which holds the world copyright for the owners. Two years ago the plate was engraved and it was held for use when a suitable occasion would arise. Keen-eyed observers will see that the year of the engraving—"1957"—appears in minute characters in the lower left-hand corner of the stamp. The numerals are inconspicuous and are not an integral part of the main design.

In the original painting, the Queen, wearing the blue velvet mantle, Collar and Star of the Order of the Garter, stands in front of a landscape near Windsor Castle. Only the upper portion of the painting is reproduced in the stamp.

The Most Noble Order of the Garter is England's oldest order of chivalry, and was founded more than six hundred years ago at Windsor Castle, "For the adorning and encouraging of military virtue with honours, rewards and glory".

The artist, Annigoni, was born in Milan, Italy, in 1910, and has exhibited his paintings in many European cities and permanent collections of his work are to be found in galleries of Florence and Milan. He was also commissioned by the Company of Fishmongers to produce a matching portrait of Prince Philip who is a member of the Court of Assistants of the Company.

## GROUP REPORT—LONDON SECTION

The 1958-1959 Season has been a quiet one for the London Section with emphasis mainly upon displays by new and old members.

It is becoming a fairly regular feature to open the Season with a display by the Council members. This was up to the usual standard and attracted a good attendance.

Members who had not previously displayed to the Section were asked to "break the ice" at the January meeting and, as was to be expected, we found

several who had been concealing gems of interest in their own homes. Messrs. Calam, Grey, Helliwell, Okin and Phillips gave an entertaining evening.

Mr J. Cater, well known in C.P.S. circles, produced at very short notice, some of his early issues, and we were particularly interested in the painstaking work he has put in on plating problems. One does not often have the opportunity of seeing these items at close range and there is no doubt that a great deal was learned by all present.

Airmails of Canada was the subject introduced by David Kirch. So absorbing was this in the variety of material shown that what we thought would only be a short evening eventually made us nearly outstay our welcome at Canada House. On David's own admission the sheets were not produced in true display style and when he has time to prepare them he will have a most interesting collection.

Our past Secretary, Mr W. Williams is well known for having won a number of competitions on his Early Issues and his show of "Something for Everybody" proved that he has not a "one track mind". There is no doubt that the display which ranges over a long period of years and diverges down the byways of cancellations, stationery etc. always goes down well with a large attendance and this evening truly bore this out.

An experiment has been tried this year in having short Auctions after some of

the displays and it has proved most successful, both in drawing members along and financially for the Section. Given an average attendance of about 16 the bidding is sensible and the time spent is quite worth while.

I do not think we have previously referred to our "Headquarters". By the kindness of the Commercial Counsellor of Canada we are permitted to use his Conference Room at Canada House where we have the right atmosphere to enjoy meetings in comfort. As our numbers increase we fear that some of the Counsellor's officials take a poor view of the C.P.S. for chairs borrowed from their rooms do not always go back to the right places, despite our best intentions! However, we are deeply grateful to him for his hospitality and we hope he will bear with us for a long time to come.

R.S.B.G.

## AMENDMENTS TO MEMBERSHIP TO 5th MAY, 1959

### New Members.

1176. DOWNING, L. L., 10 Crescent Rd., Concord, Mass., U.S.A.	CR-CS
1177. HARRISON, H. W., P.O. Box 5780, Pikesville 8, Maryland, U.S.A.	CL
1178. COFFIN, F. W., 6137 Oak St., Vancouver 13, B.C., Canada.	S.P.
1179. MANNING, K. J. A. O., Shiremoor House, Merriott, Somerset.	P.H.
1180. MERRIKIN, E., R.R. No. 3, Williamsburg, Ont., Canada.	C.
1181. WHIPPLE, A. E., 239, 17th Avenue, St. Eustache sur le Lac, Quebec, Canada	C
1182. JOLY, G. E., 8350 Casgrain, Montreal, Que., Canada.	C
1183. CHRISTENSEN, E. J., 11612 - 94 St., Edmonton, Alta, Canada.	C
1184. BLACK, E. C., 1726 Western Parkway, Vancouver 8, B.C., Canada	C.P.L.
1185. BEREST, J., 1273 California Rd., Eastchester, N.Y., U.S.A.	CS,SC.
1186. FALKEN, Dr. S. R. Sr., 500 E. 4th St., Boyertown, Pa., U.S.A.	CR-CG,PL.
1187. BRITNEY, Miss E. A., 322-77th Street, North Bergen, N.J., U.S.A.	C,A,FF
1188. YAFFE, I., 1612 West Franklin St., Baltimore 23, Md., U.S.A.	P.,RPO
1189. SONNE, C. C., Hotel Cecil, Moose Jaw, Sask, Canada.	P.,RPO
1190. THOMAS, A. R., 3 Linnaean St., Cambridge 38, Mass., U.S.A.	C.
1191. WESTHAVE, C. A., 11 Spafford Rd., Milton 86, Mass., U.S.A.	P,BL.
1192. MENZIES, R. W., 513-21st Street, Owen Sound, Ont., Canada.	C.
1193. HAZELL, Dr. H. C., 119 Mornington St., Stratford, Ont., Canada	CR-CQ,PA
1194. MCGORMAN, J. W., 11 Elizabeth St., Stratford, Ont., Canada.	CR-CQ,PA
1195. SOMERVILLE, Dr. J. C., 9 Hillhouse Rd., Barassie, Troon, Ayrshire	CQ-CGA
1196. DAWE, Miss H., Vancouver Public Library, Burrard and Robson Streets, Vancouver 1, B.C. Canada.	

Note: addition to key of interests: FF — First Flight Covers.

### Deaths.

503. C. L. Bacon.  
140. W. C. Hinde.

### Resignations.

549. C. N. Richardson.

### Changes of Address.

49. AIKINS, C., 111 Elmer Avenue, Toronto 8, Canada.  
236. BINKS, B.C., 1574 Angus Drive., Vancouver 9, B.C., Canada.  
902. CHAMBERS, J. E., 165 Middleton Rd., Banbury, Oxon.  
1040. CHARRON, J. J., 8290 Chambord, Montreal 35, Que., Canada.  
336. CRYDERMAN, M. W., Box 341, Fisher Branch, Man., Canada.  
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