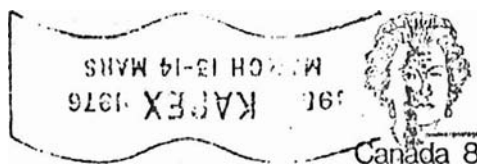


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- NEW FLAG INVERT!

Shown above is an example of the recently discovered KAPEX '76 INVERTED Flag. The date is February 24th and we understand that 20 covers exist.

There were also 20 covers of the invert bearing the date of February 23rd, and the strike is even of poorer quality than the one shown here.

These will be listed as:-

88-1a February 23 24, 1976 INVERTED..... \$ 15.00

I can't help but recall my comments on "Philatelic Flags" on page 82 of the handbook:-

"My main criticism of philatelic flags is that they are seldom controlled with any degree of vigilance. Scarce dates always seem to have a way of being discovered, long after the event - dates that were not generally available to the general public. It's the old, old story of letting a stamp collector in on the press runs - and imperforates and part perforates appear - or let him in the press room and we get inverted overprints, tete-beche varieties, etc."

But now these exist, and if I am to have a complete collection of Canadian Flag Cancellations I must add them. Fifty years from now they will be top cancellation rarities!

The QUEEN'S SILVER JUBILEE FLAG

ORAPEX 77



The Queen's Silver Jubilee



A Gem! 90 - 1 \$2.00 April 30th'77 1000 processed

Here is what I consider one of the most beautiful of all the Canadian Flag Cancels - the Queen's Silver Jubilee Flag of 1977. It was used ONE DAY only, at Ottawa for the first day of the ORAPEX '77 show - April 30th. I am told that the cancelling was done by the Philatelic Division who have in their possession the one remaining machine capable of running slogans, flags, etc. in Ottawa.

MORE ON THE QUEEN'S SILVER JUBILEE FLAG CANCEL

With such a beautiful flag cancel, it seems a shame that it is not also used by other Stamp Shows in Canada during this Jubilee year. It would be fitting and proper for the "slug" to be used extensively, or new ones made along the same design, for use at the shows this fall.

I could think of none better for use at BNAPEX '77 in Edmonton in September for example. But there will probably be at least a dozen shows that could make use of this flag for their events.

- BCPEX '77 FLAG CANCELLATION

It was a most attractive Flag Cancel used at Vancouver April 21-23, 1977, for the Annual Meeting and Convention of the Royal Philatelic Society of Canada.

However most of the strikes I've seen came thru very poorly. Unfortunately the BCPEX Official Cachet covers' design extended too far to the right and interfered with the postmark of the cancel.

It was used on opening day, April 21st, and on the next day April 22nd, it was the First Day of Use for the new Floral Issue 1¢ to 10¢ values. Therefore the greatest quantity of covers went thru the machine on this day.

On Saturday, April 24th the smallest number of flag cancels were struck. Most had obtained the examples they wanted on the first two days. Also Saturday was closing day, the show was closed down at 5:00 p.m.

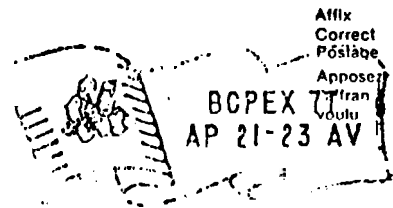
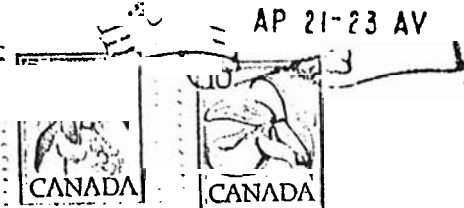
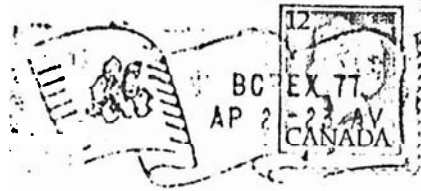
A few collectors took advantage of the supply of cards "Application for Philatelic Mailing List Service" which were handy, and ran some impressions thru the machine, without postage.

Our listing on this flag is as follows:-

Type 89 - BCPEX, Royal Philatelic Society Meeting and Exhibition, Vancouver, B.C. 1977

89-1	April 21 opening Day.....	\$ 1.25
	April 22 First Day Cover.....	1.00
	non-first day.....	1.25
	April 23 Closing Day.....	1.75
	April 21-23 Application Card, Test....	2.00

Again these covers were serviced by representatives of the Philatelic Division who also manned the stamp booth nearby, so it was possible to get the cancel on almost anything currently available.



SOME NOTES on the "BICKERDIKE"

Back in our Flag Cancel Bulletin for April 1975 we illustrated a full page advertisement that appeared on the Front cover of the Edward's Philatelic Press List #2 of 1896. The illustration purported to show the "imperial" machine in action, and a facsimili cancel of Canada #1-9. The machine was advertised by J. Brooks Young of P.O. Box 1219, Montreal, Canada.

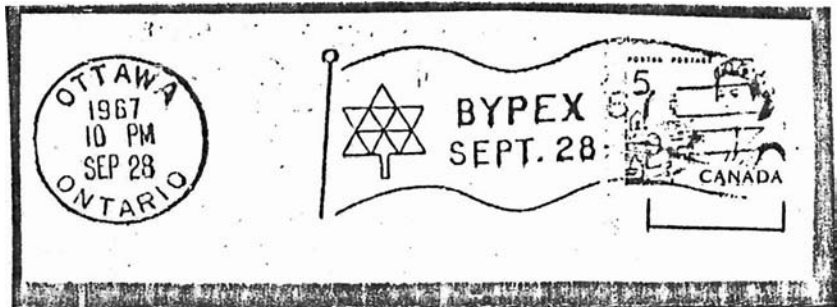
The Machine Cancel Forum for April 1977 illustrates a somewhat similar advertisement, taken from a BRINKERDIKE boshure in the British Postal Archives. The Broshure was also distributed by our J. Brooks Young of the same Montreal address. The illustration of the clerk at work is exactly the same as on the earlier one. The flag cancel facsimili is exactly the same!

The FORUM also illustrates a "COVER" bearing the Canadian Flag Cancellation Type 5, postmarked WASHINGTON, D.C. JUN 14, 1897. This "sample strike" was on a cover of the Canadian Postal Supply Co. of Montreal. We suspect it was connected with our J. Brooks Young. This illustration was also taken from the Broshure.

The Editor of the FORUM is John R. McGee, Box 98, Greenbelt, Maryland 20770. Issues of the FORUM are FREE, but you MUST SUPPLY a supply of self-addressed stamped envelopes - business size (#10) - you will be notified when your last envelope is used. Back copies of the FORUM are available at 15¢each, postpaid, please pay in mint U.S. Commemoratives.

NEW EARLY DATE BYPEX '67 and OTHER BYPEX NOTES

First:- We illustrate herewith a different type dater than previously recorded. Previously all the copies we had seen had the year date as the third date line. Here we have one as the first date line for September 28th, the opening day of BYPEX '67.



Second:- We had previously listed pre-show dates of use of this cancel as being Sept. 26-27th only, and a post-show date of Oct. 1. We have now added to our collection a cover bearing the date of September 18th.

CORONATION FLAG DATES

A couple of the missing Flag Dates for The Coronation Flag of 1937 have been found by Ted Kelish. These are:-

- 50-4 FORT WILLIAM - May 12th
- 50-10 NORTH BATTLEFORD - May 14th
- Andrew Buckland reports:-
- 50-20 WINNIPEG DIE I - May 13th
- George Potts reports:-
- 50-20A WINNIPEG Die II - May 13th
- 50-13A REGINA Hub 2 - May 13-14th
- 50-9 NEW WESTMINSTER - May 13th

BNAPEX '77

At the moment both Larry Paige & Ed Richardson are planning on attending BNAPEX '77 in EDMONTON. Let's hope for a SEMINAR

THE "BEST" FLAG CANCELLATION on the World's "WORST" Stamps!

While this will never be listed among the Flag Cancellations of Canada, we do think it an interesting bit of sideline material. It

is a bit of memorabilia that I have managed to hang on to these past 32 wonderful philatelic years.

It would be my guess that the late, lovable Walter S. Bayley was the mind behind this creation.

The overprint appears on corner blocks of 25 (all 4 corners were used) of the "inflation" stamps of Germany. Scott's #286. The stamp catalogued 2¢ in 1946, and now is at the fantastic figure of 7¢! But The piece is worth more than \$1.75 to me as a bit of Flag Cancel triviality.

These were great Parties - those old T. H. & B. deals. The initials stood for the Stamp Clubs of Toronto, Hamilton and Buffalo. I sure attended all I possibly could manage!

Don't ask me to

find you a copy, I wouldn't have the vaguist idea as to where to look.

THAT VANCOUVER "KAPER"

While attending the Meeting of the Royal at BCPEX '77 my room was burgaled, 120 pages of COURT of HONOR material belonging to four members of the Texas Philatelic Association, plus 36 pages of Canadian Military Postal History material I had used for a Seminar, choice items from my own collection of these, plus a number of items purchased from the dealers a BCPEX, were taken.

The Court of Honor material included:- 12 pages of U.S. 1847 material; 36 pages of Papal States, a study of rates, all covers; 18 pages of U.S. material 1898-1909; 24 pages of Hong Kong Treaty Port stamps and Cancellations; 30 pages of U.S. 1869 Pictorial Issue. Total 120 pages.

The loose material included a great many Flag Cancels I had been able to purchase at BCPEX. LATE FLASH! A call today July 11th, indicates that most, if not all of the material has been recovered! More later.

