

PRECANCELS CANADA

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CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE

The very serious problems that our world is experiencing this year, are affecting all of us in one way or another. We can only hope that our world leaders will be able to get everything back under control and that we will soon be able to enjoy our lives again. Best wishes are expressed to all our philatelic comrades with the best of hopes for a smooth and uneventful future.

Many of us are experiencing being stuck at home and are using the opportunity to enjoy our philatelic interests. I recently received an email from a long time member who decided to visit the Exchange Circuit for the first time in 50 years. Perhaps we will see an increase in interest in our little piece of philately. Members are encouraged to write items for the Newsletter about their precancel collections and to ask questions of the editors.

I firmly believe that there is a world of opportunity for research in Precancels. We have only scratched the surface to date. Members are encouraged to write the Editors with questions as well as their 'discoveries'.

This year will experience a significant loss as the annual exhibition has been cancelled. A difficult decision by the Executive, but it was a necessary one. Next year may be quite 'blow-out'. But we feel sorry for the many exhibitors who won't be able to display their efforts and for the dealers who will miss the opportunity to sell their material. It has been a long time since we have had such a set-back in philately.

But keep the faith and work on your collections in the security of your homes. - Andy Ellwood

EDITOR'S MESSAGE

Greetings to all Canadian Precancel enthusiasts!

I trust you are all well and avoiding the Covid19 virus by staying at home for the most part and taking the necessary precautions. It is at a time like this that Stamp Collecting shows itself to be a particularly excellent hobby. I hope you are all using the time to sort some stamps, write up your album pages and generally enjoy the hobby.

So here is another edition of the Precancel Newsletter for you to brighten your day.

Oh... and remember.....

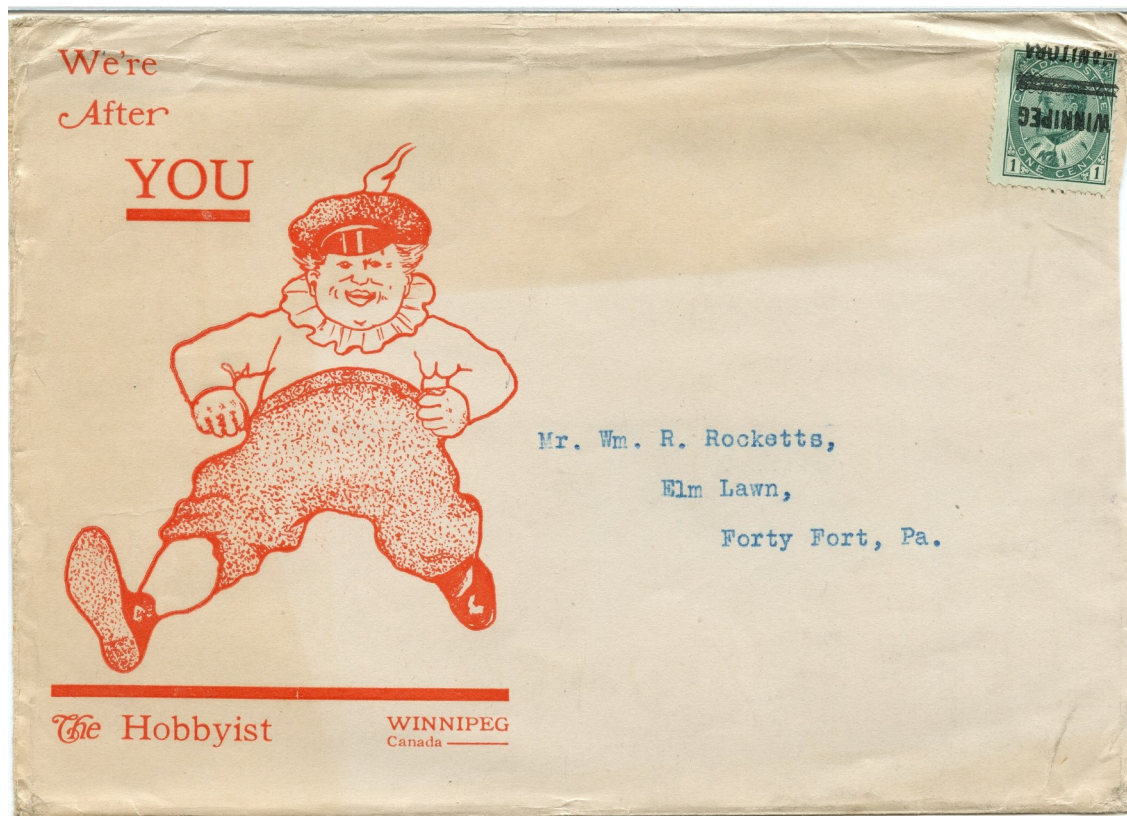
Write an article, send some information, an image of some interesting item or whatever you think others might like to see and read about.

It's up to you! I can be reached at: marascod@telus.net

- David Marasco

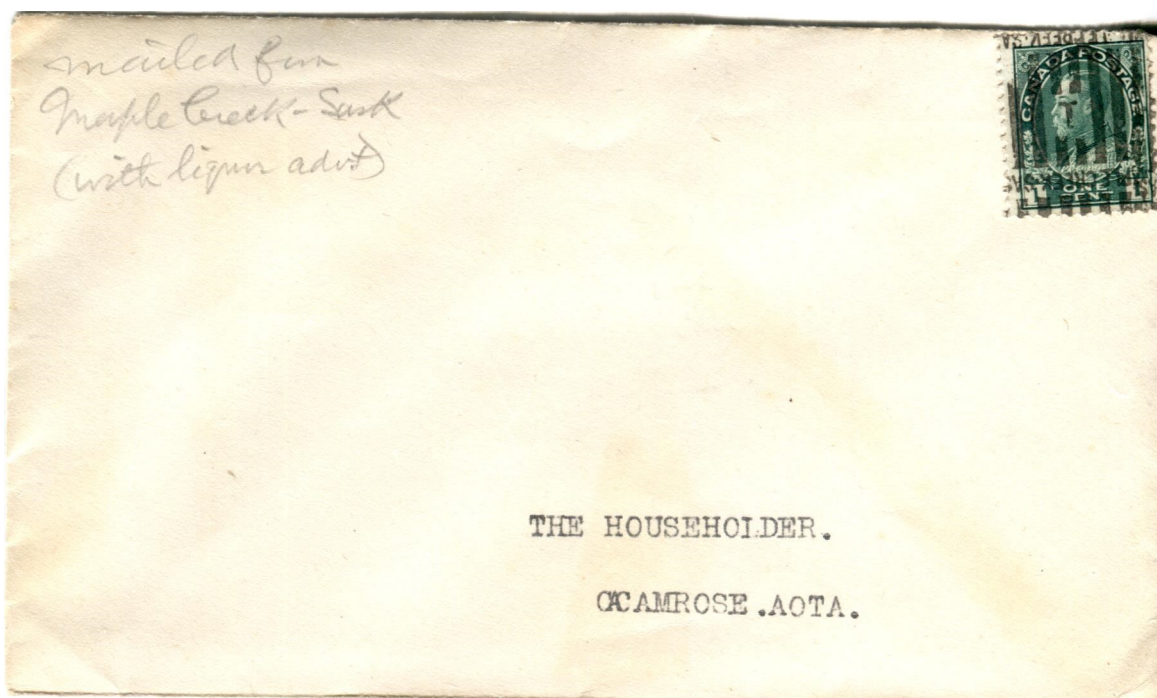
Gary Steele sends along a few colourful covers! It's not just about the stamp, these covers really light up a collection!





An UN Official usage of the Maple Creek Saskatchewan roller cancel to make a precancel on the 1 cent Admiral. Submitted by "I forget who", my apologies!

I will do a more wide ranging article on the Unofficial precancels in a future newsletter, if you have any send them along.



PRECANCELLED STAMPS ON CANADIAN PARCELS

By Tom Meyerhof

A domestic parcel post service had first been enacted in 1913 for shipping such items as farm and factory products, dry goods, hardware, stationery, seeds and bulbs, provided they did not exceed a weight of 11 pounds or 6 feet in length and girth combined. The monthly supplement to the Canadian Official Postal Guide for January 1918 permitted the use of precancelled stamps for this application. The directions stated:

“Pre-cancelled Stamps on Canadian Parcels — With a view to facilitating the handling and despatch of large quantities of matter mailed in conformity with Parcel Post Regulations at the larger cities in Canada, the Department has decided to authorize, on and after the 2nd January, 1918, and until further notice, the acceptance of all such matter when prepaid by means of pre-cancelled stamps of the 1, 2, 5, 7 and 10 cent denominations, under the following conditions:—

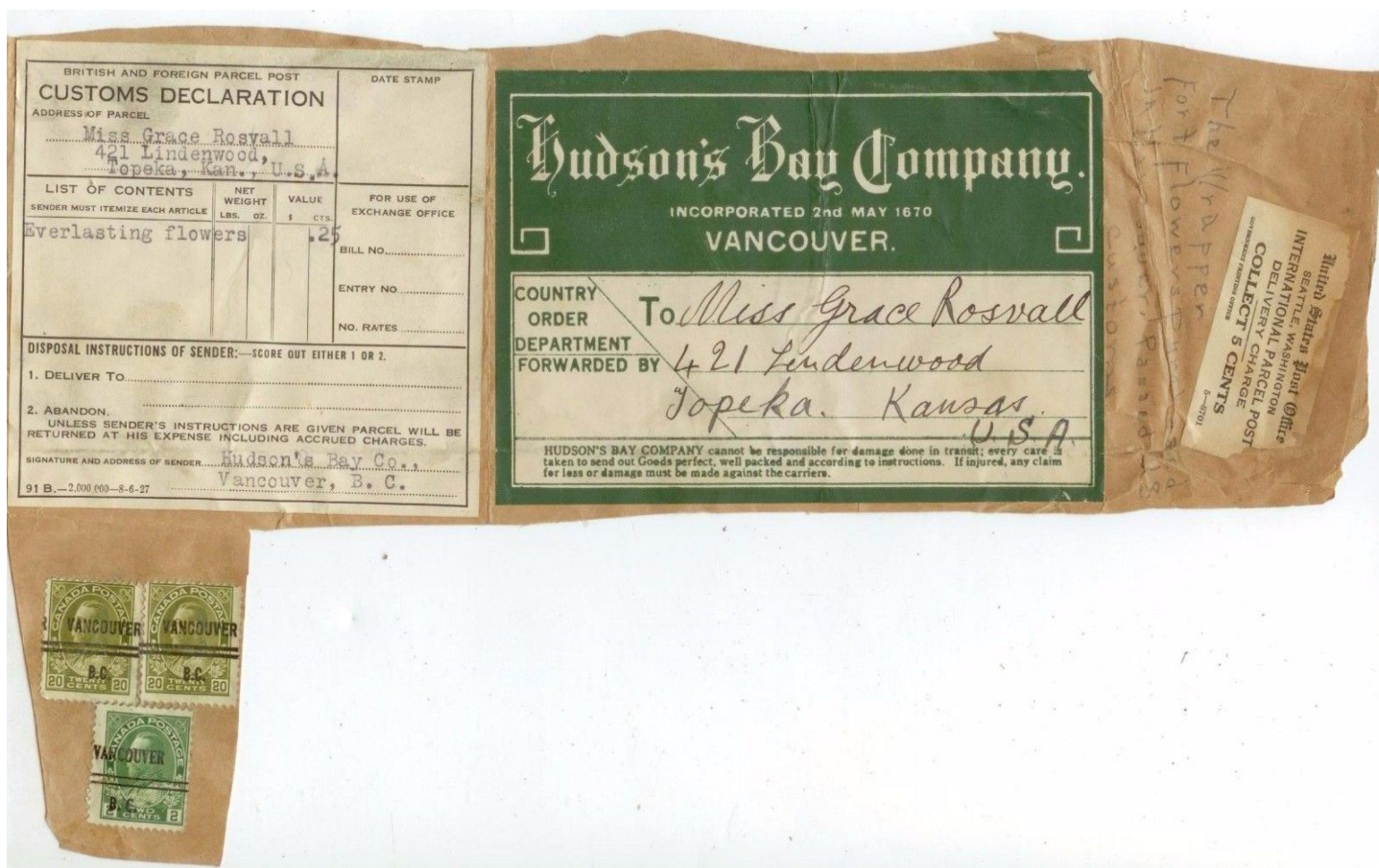
“(a) Persons or firms desirous of using pre-cancelled postage stamps on articles mailed under Parcel Post Regulations must make application to the Postmaster at the place of mailing for the quantity of such stamps desired. Fifty dollars worth of pre-cancelled stamps is the least amount that may be purchased at one time.

“(b) The postage on an article mailed under these conditions must be entirely prepaid by means of pre-cancelled stamps, that is to say, no article will be accepted for mailing the postage on which is prepaid partly by means of pre-cancelled stamps and partly by means of ordinary postage stamps.

“(c) All matter accepted under this arrangement must be presented for mailing in accordance with the Postmaster’s directions.”

The precancelled stamp values referenced were undoubtedly from the Admiral issue of 1912, though why the 20 and 50 cent values of 1912 were not included seems unclear. The 1 dollar Admiral was not issued until 1923.

A large part of a package from the Hudson's Bay Company, mailed to Kansas USA. Note at the right side the U.S. Post Office sticker with 5 cent Collect fee for international parcel deliveries. These days Amazon does the selling and Couriers do the delivery. The more things change the more they stay the same!



Kyle Taylor sends in a very nice paste up coil. A very common stamp as a single but a paste up pair one single and one double! You don't find these sorts of items very often!



These were found in a junk box a few years ago, can you spot what makes them so special? If you want to know see the end of this newsletter for the answer.



Some sideline collecting areas in the Precancel field.

Overprint shifts.



Pitted O variety



Strand of Hair Variety



Re-entries

In 1 lower right numeral



Portcullis re-entry



Paper folds



Perfins



Lathework



Plate Blocks



Warning strips



Errors

And the answer to the two 1 cent Admiral Precancels on page 6?

They are both the Major re-entry in the lower right numeral 1. Unitrade # 104xxi

(found in a junk box a few years ago....Keep your eyes open, there are sure to be more of them hiding out there somewhere.)

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