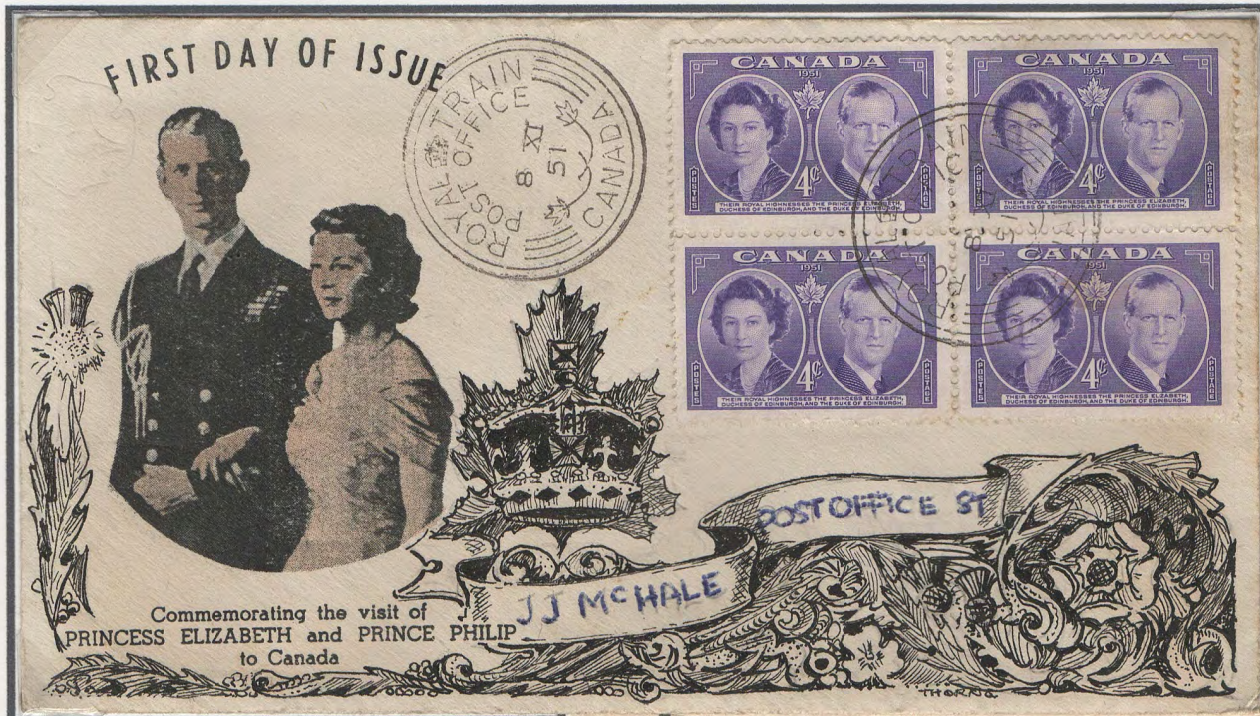


Royal Visit to Canada 1951

Introduction

It was in 1951 (Oct. 8 to Nov. 12) that Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth made her official visit to Canada as Her Royal Highness Princess Elizabeth. She toured with her husband His Royal Highness Prince Philip. The tour was delayed by a week due to the health of her father George VI. It would be a 33 day trip. It would be early in the New Year that she would become queen. Their Royal Highnesses would tour mostly by train. However, air was used for some travel across Northern Ontario and from London, England to Dorval, Montreal. There would not be the enthusiasm for the Royal Tour as that of her father in 1939.



A most unusual cover in several ways, it is a First Day Cover of the Philatelic Supply cachet from BNAPS. It has a block of the stamps that would have been a FDC but has been canceled on Nov. 8/51 by the Royal Train CDS the day it was in Halifax. It is my understanding that the addressee from Halifax was a postal worker and it was his next door neighbour that would often add hand design to his covers. This is one of the more elaborate covers this exhibitor has seen, one of a kind.



Purpose and scope of exhibit

1. To follow their majesties Royal Train tour using Royal Train Post office markings.
2. To illustrate the types of mail that flowed from and to the Royal Train Post Office.
3. To capture the interest in the Philatelic Trail left by the 1951 Royal Tour.

Royal Visit Souvenirs

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On the next page is a pictorial Souvenir Booklet published by "Pitkins" of London, England using "Daily Graphic" photographs to trace the Royal Visit to Canada.

