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NOTES FROM YOUR EDITOR

Yes, the Centennial Newsletter is still alive! Let me try to explain why there have been no newsletters since Dec 2001. I attribute it to a conflict between a rising work-load and a dropping amount of energy with age. This conflict has been resolved: I retired from work on September 01, 2003. After two months of adjusting to my new life, I am ready to carry on with the newsletter. My sincerest apologies to any anxiety or frustration I may have caused members who may have thought they were "cut-off" for lack of dues payment. Right now, the Study Group still has a healthy bank balance (in the vicinity of one thousand dollars) and I feel no need for members to submit dues at this time. Look for a financial statement in the next newsletter.

Thanks to Hugh Delaney of Calgary, Alberta for the cancel on the masthead.

This letter does sort of clean out by file of items submitted by members for the newsletter.

Please sit down and see if you have any interesting Centennial stuff to report. I reject nothing: all items submitted for publication will be included in the newsletter. My records are in a terrible mess right now, so you may have to remind me of items you have submitted and that I may have misplaced. I am slowly going through my backlog of mail.

FOR SALE

I still have three copies of Robin Harris' book on Centennials that I can sell for \$12 each (Canadian \$ for Canadian members, US \$ for US members, postpaid).

I have on hand the following mint copies of the "Plastic Flow" variety on the 15 cent Bylot Island:

- 1. Single from column 5 with selvage on right side....\$15.00**
- 2. Horizontal pair from columns 4&5, selvage on right...\$35.00**
- 3. Horizontal pair, columns 4&5, selvage right and bottom: \$40.00**

These items are for sale on a first come, first served basis. I purchased them from a Winnipeg collector, Nick Fedorchuk who spotted them when they were the current issue. I am selling them at my cost. I am not a dealer. I can obtain more from Nick if demand is high.

I want to take this opportunity, with the holiday season approaching, to wish all members of the Study Group a happy holiday and prosperous 2004!

REMINDER

If you would like to run a (free) ad or submit an article or just some news, drop me a line:

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Look at the actual size copy of BK 71b shown to the right: at first glance, it looks perfectly normal. A keen-eyed Winnipeg collector obtained this booklet from a machine when the issue was current and noticed that the top row 1 cent stamp was short printed on the LEFT. Now, short printed booklet 1 cent browns are well documented (see Doug Karns article in the last CDSG newsletter, No 78 p 702) where up to 1.1 mm of the *right* side of the brown 1 cent from BK 69 is missing.

If you look at the blow-up of the affected stamp shown below, you can see that the short-printing appears to be a little skewed; more of the top (about 0.3 mm) and less of the bottom (0.1mm) is missing. Look over your stock of booklet 454's and let me know if you can find copies with more or less of the left side missing



CENTENNIAL SLOGANS

A review of Cecil Coutts' book on Slogan Postmarks in Topics Vol 59 No 4 p 71 caught my eye recently, especially the possibility of "custom sorts" by the author. I thought "wouldn't it be nice to have a list of Centennial slogans? I sent Cecil an e-mail at cec.coutts@telus.net" Asking about a centennial sort of his database. Cecil replied that such a list, sorted by town, for all provinces in Canada for the period 1967-1975 would amount to 251 pages and would cost \$12, payable if the download was ok. Well it sure was!. Cecil provided the 251 page list as a microsoft "word" document, one page of which is shown on page 713. I believe the format is a little different than the book. In the book, slogans are listed alphabetically, one entry for slogans used in many towns for many years. I cannot remember the details, but I managed to "parse" (computer lingo for putting the text in various columns into the "boxes" of a spreadsheet) the document. Once the data is in a database, you can sort a column, say, alphabetically. That's what I did for the Winnipeg slogans. If you examine the Winnipeg slogans shown on pp 714 and 715, you will see why the document Cecil sent (some 1.9 Mb-too much for 1 diskette) is so large: there are separate entries for each year a slogan was used.

Very little on Centennial Slogans appears in the CDSG newsletter. If you are interested in seeing the slogans for a particular town, drop me a line; I would be happy to share selected **parts** of the database with you *gratis*. One final comment: I do believe that more information appears in the download than in Cecil's book. A quick look at the ERD's listed by Cecil and my own collection indicates that some work could be done on updating the ERD's and LRD's, but that's another "kettle of fish".

A sample of Cecil Coutts download of Centennial Slogans is shown below. The Winnipeg entries continue for five more pages.

Slogan Id	Prov	Office	Coutts Nbr	Slogan Wording	Slogan Year	ERD	LRD	Mach	Die	Slogan Comment
29560	ON	Windsor	W-0245	WINDSOR-DETROIT FREEDOM FESTIVAL FESTIVAL LIBERTE JUNE/JUIN 28-4 JULY/JUIL	1974			PB		
21200	ON	Windsor	G-0245	GIVE TO THE HEART FUND DONNEZ AU FONDS DU COEUR	1974			PB		
27349	ON	Windsor	S-1905	SUPPORT THE HOSPITAL FOR SICK CHILDREN FDN DONNEZ A LA FOUNDATION DE L'HOPITAL DES ENFANTS	1974	22-Dec-1974		PB		
24528	ON	Windsor	O-0560	OVERSEAS LETTERS AIRMAIL RATE POUR OUTRE-MER TARIF AERIEN	1974			PB		
20985	ON	Windsor	G-0151	GIVE THE UNITED WAY UNE SEULE FOIS POUR PLUSIEURS	1974			PB		
7582	ON	Windsor	U-0165	USE POSTAL CODES UTILISEZ LES CODES POSTAUX	1975			PB		use to 1988
7553	NS	Windsor	U-0165	USE POSTAL CODES UTILISEZ LES CODES POSTAUX	1975			PB		use to 1980
29561	ON	Windsor	W-0245	WINDSOR-DETROIT FREEDOM FESTIVAL FESTIVAL LIBERTE JUNE/JUIN 27-4 JULY/JUIL	1975	13-Jun-1975	25-Jun-1975	PB		
31327	ON	Windsor	P-0475	POSTAL CODE CODE POSTAL	1975	10-Dec-1975		T		hub 1, use to 1985
25245	ON	Windsor	P-0475	POSTAL CODE CODE POSTAL	1975					
21201	ON	Windsor	G-0245	GIVE TO THE HEART FUND DONNEZ AU FONDS DU COEUR	1975			PB		
7613	ON	Wingham	U-0165	USE POSTAL CODES UTILISEZ LES CODES POSTAUX	1975			PB		use to 1978
4172	MB	Winnipeg	F-0275	FIGHT CANCER GIVE NOW	1967	24-Apr-1967	30-Apr-1967	PB		
4342	MB	Winnipeg	M-0060	MAIL EARLY FOR CHRISTMAS	1967	30-Nov-1967		PB		
4735	MB	Winnipeg	Y-0060	YOUR BLOOD SAVES LIVES VOTRE SANG SAUVE DES VIES	1967			PB		
4021	MB	Winnipeg	B-0735	BUY CHRISTMAS STAMPS NOW	1967	03-Nov-1967		PB		
4261	MB	Winnipeg	H-0395	HELP RETARDED CHILDREN	1967			PB		
4160	MB	Winnipeg	E-0565	Expo '67 symbol	1967	14-Jan-1967	21-Dec-1967	PB		2 dies
4320	MB	Winnipeg	M-0025	MAGIC MOMENTS IN MUSIC BY YOUR SYMPHONY	1967			PB		
4703	MB	Winnipeg	W-0220	WHITE CANE SYMBOL OF THE BLIND	1967			PB		
4012	MB	Winnipeg	B-0685	BUY CANADA SAVINGS BONDS	1967			PB		
4366	MB	Winnipeg	M-0150	MANITOBA CAT CLUB SHOW SEPT.23 & 24	1967			PB		
4432	MB	Winnipeg	O-0265	ONE GIFT WORKS MANY WONDERS GIVE THE UNITED WAY	1967	17-Oct-1967	30-Oct-1967	PB		
3991	MB	Winnipeg	B-0580	BROTHERHOOD WEEK FEBRUARY 20-27 BELIEVE IT-LIVE IT SUPPORT IT	1967	22-Feb-1967		PB		
4610	MB	Winnipeg	T-0250	THINK ABOUT FIRE WHEREVER YOU ARE	1967			PB		

Centennial Slogans for Winnipeg after alphabetic sort

1909-1969 ST.JOHN AMBULANCE BRIGADE	1969			
1967 PAN-AM GAMES 22 JULY-7 AUG.	1967	22-Mar-67	04-Aug-67	
1st FLT-1er VOL TRANS CANADA AT/À WINNIPEG 10-11 OCT.1920	1970			
50 YEARS NAVAL RESERVE RÉSERVE NAVALE 50 ANS	1973	28-Apr-73		
69 NURSES' CONGRÈS INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS DES INFIRMIERES M	1969	25-Jun-69		2 dies
ADVISE CORRESPONDENTS TO USE POSTAL ZONE NUMBER	1968	22-Mar-68	22-Oct-68	
ADVISE CORRESPONDENTS TO USE POSTAL ZONE NUMBER	1969	07-Aug-69	22-Nov-69	
ARMED FORCES DAY JUNE 8 JUIN JOURNÉE DES FORCES ARMEES	1968			
AVOID THE XMAS BLUSH VOTRE AFFAIRE EST DANS LE SAC SI VOUS P	1970			1970-71
AVOID THE XMAS BLUSH VOTRE AFFAIRE EST DANS LE SAC SI VOUS P	1971	20-Nov-71	27-Nov-71	
BROTHERHOOD WEEK FEBRUARY 16-23 EQUAL OPPORTUNITY FOR ALL	1969			
BROTHERHOOD WEEK FEBRUARY 18-25 EQUAL OPPORTUNITY FOR ALL	1968			
BROTHERHOOD WEEK FEBRUARY 20-27 BELIEVE IT-LIVE IT SUPPORT IT	1967	22-Feb-67		
BROTHERHOOD WEEK SEMAINE DE LA FRATERNITE FEB.22-28 FEV.	1970			1970-71
BROTHERHOOD WEEK SEMAINE DE LA FRATERNITE FEB.22-28 FEV.	1971	17-Feb-71	PB	
BUY CANADA SAVINGS BONDS	1967			
BUY CANADA SAVINGS BONDS	1969			
BUY CANADA SAVINGS BONDS	1968			
BUY CHRISTMAS STAMPS NOW ACHETEZ VITE VOS TIMBRES DE NOEL	1969	20-Nov-69		1969-70
BUY CHRISTMAS STAMPS NOW	1968	20-Nov-68	29-Nov-68	
BUY CHRISTMAS STAMPS NOW	1967	03-Nov-67		
BUY CHRISTMAS STAMPS NOW ACHETEZ VITE VOS TIMBRES DE NOEL	1970	08-Nov-70	27-Nov-70	
CANADA WEEK THINK ABOUT IT SEMAINE DU CANADA PENSONS-Y	1974	05-Jun-74	24-Jun-74	
CANCER CAN BE BEATEN	1969			1969-71
CANCER CAN BE BEATEN	1971			
CANCER CAN BE BEATEN	1970			
CANCER CAN BE BEATEN ON PEUT VAINCRE LE CANCER	1975			
CANCER CAN BE BEATEN ON PEUT VAINCRE LE CANCER	1972	23-Apr-72		1972-80
CANCER CAN BE BEATEN ON PEUT VAINCRE LE CANCER	1973			
CANCER CAN BE BEATEN ON PEUT VAINCRE LE CANCER	1974	01-Apr-74		
CENTENNIAL/CENTENAIRE STAMP EXHIBITION EXPOSITION DE TIMBRES	1974	03-May-74		RPSC 46th convention
CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL BOOK MARKET MAY 4-MAY 16	1970			
CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL BOOK MARKET MAY 5-MAY 17	1969	10-Apr-69	23-Apr-69	
CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL POLO PARK HOPITAL POUR ENFANTS MAY 3-15	1971	04-Apr-71	26-Apr-71	
CHRISTMAS SEALS FIGHT TB & RD UTILISEZ LES TIMBRES DE NOEL	1970			1970-72
CHRISTMAS SEALS FIGHT TB & RD UTILISEZ LES TIMBRES DE NOEL	1971	10-Dec-71	16-Dec-71	
CHRISTMAS SEALS FIGHT TB & RD UTILISEZ LES TIMBRES DE NOEL	1972	27-Nov-72		
COLONIALISM DECLARATION FREEDOM AND PROGRESS DECLARATION	1970	15-Dec-70		
CONCOURS SATELLITE CANADA COMPETITION ENTER/PARTICIPEZ	1969	04-Sep-69		
CONSUMER WEEK SEMAINE DU CONSUMENTEUR MARCH 1-7 MARS	1970		CONSUMER	
CYSTIC FIBROSIS HELP IS NEEDED	1969			
DBS 1918-1968 FACT FINDER FOR THE NATION	1968			
Expo '67 symbol	1967	14-Jan-67	21-Dec-67	2 dies
FIGHT CANCER GIVE NOW	1967	24-Apr-67	30-Apr-67	
FIGHT CANCER GIVE NOW	1968			
FIGHT INFLATION COMBATTONS L'INFLATION	1970	17-Jul-70		
FIRE IS SO FINAL L'INCENDIE NE PARDONNE PAS	1972	13-Nov-72		
FIX UP.CLEAN UP.PAINT UP.BEAUTIFY YOUR TOWN	1970			
GIVE THE UNITED WAY UNE SEULE FOIS POUR PLUSIEURS	1971			
GIVE THE UNITED WAY UNE SEULE FOIS POUR PLUSIEURS	1970	15-Oct-70		
GIVE TO THE HEART FUND DONNEZ AU FONDS DU COEUR	1974			use questioned in this
HADASSAH BAZAAR AUDITORIUM MAY 16, 1968	1969			
HADASSAH BAZAAR AUDITORIUM MAY 16, 1968	1968	24-Apr-68		
HADASSAH BAZAAR BAZAR HADASSAH THE HIGHLANDER MAY 17 MAI	1972	28-Apr-72		
HADASSAH BAZAAR BAZAR HADASSAH THE HIGHLANDER MAY 16 MAI	1973	23-Apr-73		
HADASSAH BAZAAR BAZAR HADASSAH THE HIGHLANDER MAY 19 MAI	1971			
HADASSAH BAZAAR HADASSAH AUDITORIUM MAY-7-MAI	1970	06-Apr-70		
HELP FIGHT M S MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS	1968	12-Sep-68	28-Sep-68	
HELP RETARDED CHILDREN	1969			
HELP RETARDED CHILDREN	1971			
HELP RETARDED CHILDREN	1967			
HELP RETARDED CHILDREN	1968			
HELP RETARDED CHILDREN AIDEZ LES ENFANT ARRIERÉ	1972	17-May-72	19-May-72	1972 only
HIRE A STUDENT THIS SUMMER EMBAUCHEZ UN ÉTUDIANT CET ÉTÉ	1971	26-Mar-71	21-Sep-71	
HIRE A STUDENT THIS SUMMER EMBAUCHEZ UN ÉTUDIANT CET ÉTÉ	1970	07-May-70		1970-71
ILO/OIT - WORLD SOCIAL JUSTICE JUSTICE SOCIALE ET UNIVERSELLE	1969	06-Jun-69	PB	
M.C.A. WORLD'S LARGEST SPIEL JAN.30, 1969	1969			
MAGIC MOMENTS IN MUSIC BY YOUR SYMPHONY	1967			

Centennial Slogans for Winnipeg after alphabetic sort (continued)

MAIL EARLY FOR CHRISTMAS	1967	30-Nov-67	
MAIL EARLY FOR CHRISTMAS	1968	25-Nov-68	11-Dec-68
MAIL EARLY FOR CHRISTMAS VOS ENVOIS DE NOEL POSTEZ-LES TOT	1969		
MAIL FOR WINNIPEG REQUIRES POSTAL ZONE NUMBER	1969	17-Mar-69	22-May-69
MAIL FOR WINNIPEG REQUIRES POSTAL ZONE NUMBER	1967	30-Mar-67	13-Dec-67
MAIL FOR WINNIPEG REQUIRES POSTAL ZONE NUMBER	1968	08-Jan-68	10-Oct-68
MAIL FOR WINNIPEG REQUIRES POSTAL ZONE NUMBR	1970	10-Dec-70	
MANITOBA CAT CLUB SHOW SEPT.21 & 22	1968		
MANITOBA CAT CLUB SHOW SEPT.23 & 24	1967		
METEOROLOGICAL SERVICE METEOROLOGIQUE 1871-1971	1971		
MOIS "CANSAVE" MONTH NOV.1-30 NOV.	1970	14-Nov-70	
MOOT '70 BOY SCOUTS DES SCOUTS AUG.19-26 AOUT	1970	02-Aug-70	24-Aug-70
NEW! NOUVEAU! P.O. MONEY ORDERS MANDATS DE POSATE OCT.16 O	1970	22-Oct-70	
OBLIGATIONS D'EPARGNE CANADA SAVINGS BONDS	1975		
OBLIGATIONS D'EPARGNE CANADA SAVINGS BONDS	1972	08-Oct-72	16-Oct-72
OBLIGATIONS D'EPARGNE CANADA SAVINGS BONDS	1971	07-Oct-71	29-Oct-71
OBLIGATIONS D'EPARGNE CANADA SAVINGS BONDS	1970		1970-72, 75-79, 81, 84
ONE GIFT WORKS MANY WONDERS GIVE THE UNITED WAY	1967	17-Oct-67	30-Oct-67
ONE GIFT WORKS MANY WONDERS GIVE THE UNITED WAY	1968	19-Sep-68	
ONE GIFT WORKS MANY WONDERS GIVE THE UNITED WAY	1969	14-Oct-69	PB
OTAN-20 ANS NATO-20 YEARS	1969		
POSTAL CODE CODE POSTAL	1974	07-May-74	hubs 1 & 2, use to 1
POSTAL CODE PO CODE POSTAL C TAL CODE POSTAL	1972	04-Jun-73	use to 1990
SAVE THE CHILDREN FUND FONDS DE SECOURS DES ENFANTS	1969	01-Dec-69	
SAVE THE CHILDREN FUND MANITOBA	1967	09-Dec-67	14-Dec-67
SAVE THE CHILDREN FUND MANITOBA	1968	28-Nov-68	10-Dec-68
SECRETARIES WEEK NSA	1969	22-Apr-69	
SECRETARIES WEEK SEMAINE DES SECRETAIRES NSA	1971		
SEMAINE DU CANADA 24 JUIN-1 JUILLET CANADA WEEK JUNE 24-JULY 1	1974		
SEMAINE DU CANADA 25 JUIN-1 JUILLET CANADA WEEK JUNE 25-JULY 1	1973	05-Jun-73	
SHRINE CIRCUS CIRQUE SHRINE ARENA MAY 4-11 MAI	1974	13-Apr-74	
SMOKING IS POLLUTION FUMER C'EST POLLUER	1970	29-May-70	09-Jun-70
SPEED DELIVERY USE APARTMENT NUMBERS	1970	24-Jan-70	21-Dec-70
SPEED DELIVERY USE APARTMENT NUMBERS	1967	15-Dec-67	
SPEED DELIVERY USE APARTMENT NUMBERS	1969		
SPEED DELIVERY USE APARTMENT NUMBERS	1968	16-Dec-68	
THE CANADIAN ARMED FORCES TATTOO MAY 4-7	1967		
THE SAFE CIGARETTE IS THE ONE YOU DON'T LIGHT	1968	19-Sep-68	
THE WHITE CANE SYMBOL OF BLINDNESS LA CANNE BLANCHE SYMBOL	1974	04-Feb-74	
THE WHITE CANE SYMBOL OF BLINDNESS LA CANNE BLANCHE SYMBOL	1973		
THE WHITE CANE SYMBOL OF BLINDNESS LA CANNE BLANCHE SYMBOL	1972	06-Feb-72	
THE WHITE CANE SYMBOL OF BLINDNESS LA CANNE BLANCHE SYMBOL	1971	07-Feb-71	1971-74, 76-77
THINK ABOUT FIRE WHEREVER YOU ARE	1970		
THINK ABOUT FIRE WHEREVER YOU ARE	1968		
THINK ABOUT FIRE WHEREVER YOU ARE	1967		
THINK ABOUT FIRE WHEREVER YOU ARE	1969		
THINK ABOUT FIRE WHEREVER YOU ARE	1971		
TRANSPORTATION WEEK/SEMAINE DES TRANSPORTS MAY 10-16 MAI	1970	14-May-70	1970-71
TRANSPORTATION WEEK/SEMAINE DES TRANSPORTS MAY 16-22 MAI	1971		
U.N. YEAR AGAINST RACIAL DISCRIMINATION 1971 ANNEE O.N.U. CONT	1971	25-Mar-71	PB
USE CHRISTMAS SEALS-FIGHT TUBERCULOSIS	1969		
USE CHRISTMAS SEALS-FIGHT TUBERCULOSIS	1968		
USE CHRISTMAS SEALS-FIGHT TUBERCULOSIS		20-May-05	
USE POSTAL ZONE NUMBER ON ALL MAIL	1971		
USE POSTAL ZONE NUMBER ON ALL MAIL	1970	21-Jan-70	06-Nov-70
USE POSTAL ZONE NUMBER ON ALL MAIL	1969		possible use
USE POSTAL ZONE NUMBER ON ALL MAIL	1968		possible use
VISIT-VISITEZ EXPO 67 MONTREAL, P.Q. 1967	1967	28-Oct-67	
WHITE CANE SYMBOL OF THE BLIND	1970		
WHITE CANE SYMBOL OF THE BLIND	1969		
WHITE CANE SYMBOL OF THE BLIND	1968	09-Feb-68	
WHITE CANE SYMBOL OF THE BLIND	1967		
WHY WAIT FOR SPRING? DO IT NOW!	1968	26-Jan-68	05-Feb-68
YOU ARE FESTIVAL / MANITOBA C'EST TOI	1973		
YOUR BLOOD SAVES LIVES VOTRE SANG SAUVE DES VIES	1967		

ANOTHER CENTENNIAL DISCOVERY

By George Mayo

Some time ago I had occasion to purchase a large group of Opal Booklets (BK#63). Over the holidays I found some time to have a look at those booklets, searching of course for some of the known varieties. I did not find any that I've been aware of but I did find something I've never seen before in the Opal Booklet Issue.

As you know the pane in this booklet is folded across the center portion, where the block of 4 x 2ct above is separated from the block of 4 x 3ct below. In Booklet 63 with the Horizontal Perforations, the fold will be directly along that line of perforations. This Booklet was to produce something quite different.

Not wanting to break the sealed/gummed covers I had been looking at the various panes from the side as I searched for those known varieties. I decided to open this specific booklet as I noticed that there was a substantial miscut of the pane to the Right. What I found when I separated the covers was quite unexpected -- a very short pane and then I saw the reason for it being so short. The top portion of the pane had been folded along the line of perforations separating R1 from R2, with a second error fold across the forehead of the Queen. The normal fold was now happening not in the center of the pane but along the top row of perforations on the 3ct stamps. Leo Beaudet speculates that "the variety was presumably caused because the pane buckled along this row of perforations as the booklet cover was being folded." No sooner had I realized that my Christmas Present had finally been delivered, when it occurred to me I was only a third of the way through the group of Booklets.

I set about Ferret-like to search through the remainder of that lot of Opal Booklets and to my pleasant surprise I discovered one more 'Folded Pane Variety.' When the excitement and joy of discovery had abated somewhat I began looking and considering my find with a more prudent philatelic approach, specifically could you fake this item? I took one of my other regular Opal Booklets and folded the pane as with my two discoveries. I was left with one very telling difference, namely the crease or fold in the center of the pane on my Regular Booklet. Would it be possible to erase that fold from the pane without it's prior presence being detected? I would not venture to say that it would be impossible, however to do so would I believe require some very specific 'faking techniques'.

Nonetheless, I was left with the same assurance I had many years ago when I opened a roll of the 6ct Black coil (468B) and found a strip of 13 with the double perfs. They might be faked later but at least I knew my discovery was genuine.

In any event, I've received my Christmas presents for this year and as a passionate fan of the Centennial Issue I'm fascinated that in the year 2003 we can still make 'new' discoveries with this wonderful Issue. I would appreciate comments from other members as to what I believe to be a new Centennial Booklet Variety.

While on the subject of Opal booklets, George Mayo provided the letter from Opal manufacturing shown on the next page. It explains why Centennial collectors occasionally run across manilla envelopes with 20 cents in postage (centennial and caricature) inside. Page 299 of the newsletter has the "Information for Philatelists" sheet from Canada Post covering aspects of the Opal booklet.



Opal Manufacturing Co. Limited

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ONTARIO

Mr. George J. Rogers,
P.O. Box 2717,
Grand Central,
N.Y. 1001, New York.

June 30, 1972.

Dear Mr. Rogers:

During the past few weeks, we have received many requests for a new type of stamp booklet, which our company is supposed to be marketing through privately owned stamp vending machines.


We would appreciate if you could inform your readers, that Opal Mfg. Co. Limited, has only issued the booklet containing 4 x 3¢ and 4 x 2¢ stamps, and no other booklet is contemplated or available from us.

Due to the change in postal rates a number of operators or owners of machines use a standard Kraft envelope, 2" x 2 1/2" and insert their own stamps choosing a combination which is more convenient to the public. Our company takes no part in making these envelopes up for distribution.

Thanking you for your co-operation, we remain,

Yours very truly,

OPAL MANUFACTURING CO. LIMITED.


Alois Muller,
President.

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A JOURNAL SUGGESTION.

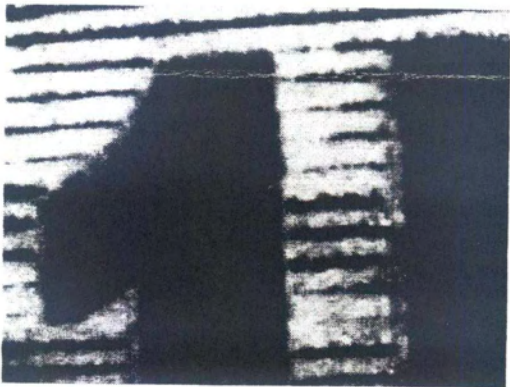
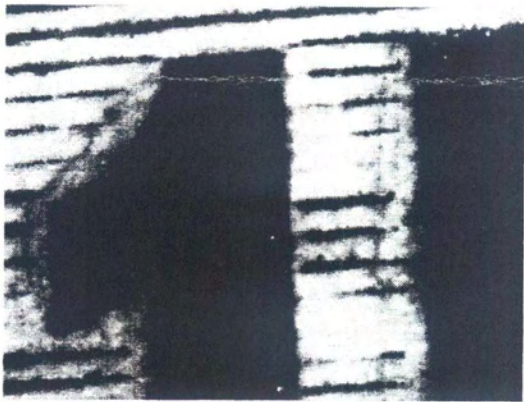
OPAL Manufacturing is NOT in the Philatelic Business. Letters and orders for booklets, unlike the Canadian Post Office, become a cost item -- so whenever you write at least include return postage.

Thank you, George Rogers.

A Winnipeg collector, Nick Fedorchuk, noticed the smudged 15 on the Bylot Island high value when it was in current use and purchased as many sheets as he could find. This variety, the so-called plastic flow variety is difficult to reproduce; most Centennial references have illustrations that do not allow one a clear view of this variety. Perhaps the best is Darnell's (Shown to the right). Nick's find clearly showed that the variety occurred on all stamps in column 5 and, to a lesser extent, on all stamps in column 4. The Plate position was also noticed by Ken Pugh and reported in Robin's book (p 64).



A few years ago I purchased a "toy" at Radio Shack called a digital microscope. It looked like a regular microscope, except that instead of peering into an eyepiece, you looked at the computer's screen. It was manufactured by Intel, of all people, and sold for about \$100. It is great for taking pictures of stamp varieties. Shown below are blow-ups of the "plastic flow" variety taken with the "toy": both are right margin copies and illustrate the inconstancy of this variety.



And finally, a colourful FDC from Winnipeg courtesy of Gord Turnbull. Is this a Bileski product? Only the 1 ct to 5 ct values are WT (the high values did not come out WT until 1969)

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