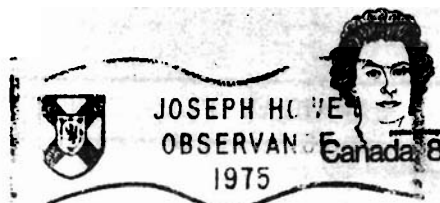


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A COMPLETE RELISTING of the FLAG CANCELS

1967 -- 1978

Only new data is included here, see handbook for other information regarding these cancels. This Bulletin is, in effect, a supplement to Chapter XXII of the Handbook, and includes Price Revisions.

Type 81 - BYPEX 1967

On page 82 we mentioned that the original slug put into use on September 1st did not have the staff at left, and therefore was not a flag cancel. This was used until September 26th. Illustrated herewith.

Since the Handbook was published we have discovered that there are two varieties of dater hubs, and we call these to your attention as types #1 and #2. We suspect that Type #2 may have been used on the "commercial" mail, while type #1 was that used on the Official Cachet, Souvenir Covers.

Unlike later Exhibition Flags of Ottawa, this was not an Annual meeting of the RA Stamp Club, but the ANNUAL CONVENTION of the ROYAL PHILATELIC SOCIETY of CANADA, held at the Talisman Inn, Ottawa.



Type #1 Hub



Early Banner



Type #2 Hub



Bypex Flag

81-1	Type #1 Hub	Sept. 28, 29, 30, 1967	1.00
-1A	" #2 "	Sept. 26 - Oct. 1, 1967	2.50

(Note:- The forerunners are not within the scope of this study and therefore are not listed, but have a value of approx \$1)

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== RA ORAPEX '73 ==  
== MAY 5-6 MAI ==

Type 82 - ORAPEX 1973-1976

The March 9th impressions have three short horizontal dashes and "AM" above the date, whereas the May 5th impressions are "blank". We designate these types #1 and #2 respectively.

82-1	Type #1 "AM"	March 9, 1973	2.50
82-1A	" #2 "Blank"	May 5, 1973	1.00

Type 82 Continued

Again in 1974 we have two HUB types:-

Type #1 - OTTAWA (at top), ONTARIO (at base) plus  
time marking above date

Type #2 - OTTAWA (Upper left) ONTARIO ( upper right)  
CANADA (at base) and no time mark

82-2	Type #1 Hub	April 29, 30, May 1, 1974	1.50
	-2A Type #2 Hub	May 11th cachet covers	1.00

There have been reports that covers were processed as late as May 14th, but none have been seen or confirmed.

While the ORAPEX show for 1975 was held May 3-4th, it would appear that only May 3rd dated covers exist. Most of the covers are the Official, Cachet ORAPEX '75 Souvenir Covers commemorating International Woman's Year, however we understand that a very small (5-10) quantity of commercial covers were processed.

82-3	Ottawa	May 3, 1975	cachet	1.25
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Since the cancelling machine previously available to the ORAPEX officials at Ottawa was no longer in use, it was necessary to use the machine which was available across the river in Hull, P.Q. While the show was May 1-2nd, the Flag Cancellation was available the entire month of May 1976. We have found no Hub differences.

82-4	Hull	May 1-2, 1976	cachet	1.00
	Hull	May 1 - 31st, Commercial		1.00

Of the Commercial covers we have actually seen May 12, 21, 25 and 27th, and have reports of May 1 and 31st

Type 83 - BNAPEX - CALGARY 1973

This cancellation was in use for three days only, September 20 -22, 1973. The Sept. 20th cancel was used on special First Day Covers prepared by the Host Committee of BNAPEX '73 and were sold at \$1 each. It was the First Day for the 8¢ and 15¢ Olympic Games Issue.

On September 21-22 the cancel was applied to all mail dropped into the special mail box on the Exhibition floor of BNAPEX '73. Numbers of covers cancelled:-

Sept. 20th	4,000
Sept. 21st	450
Sept. 22nd	220

83-1	CALGARY	September 20th 1st Day Olympics	1.25
		September 21st, 1973	2.50
		September 22nd, 1973	3.50

Type 84 - JOSEPH HOWE OBSERVANCE - Halifax, 1973

Nothing new has been learned regarding this flag in it's original form and altered die. We have noted no Hub varieties.

84-1	Original Die	September 5-6th, 1973	4.00
-2	Altered Die	September 27 - Oct. 8th	1.25
		October 9 (am)	2.50

Type 85 - JOSEPH HOWE OBSERVANCE - Halifax, 1974

Shades of 1973! It happened all over again.

The circumstances were not the same as in 1973, but the slug was inadvertently put into use two days early (October 1 - 2nd). So again the Die was altered for Official use.

Quantities cancelled:-

Oct. 1st	- 125 (est.)
2nd	- 125 (est.)
3rd	- 500
4th	- 125
5th	- 125
6th	- 125
7th	- 125
8th	- 125
9th	- 125
10th	- 125
11th	- 125
12th	- 125
13th	- 375

It will be noted that none of these quantities are large, and that most dates will be quite scarce indeed.

We have found no Hub varieties.

85-1	Original Die	October 1 & 2, 1974	2.00
-2	Altered Die	October 3, 1974	1.00
		Oct. 4-12, 1974	1.75
		October 13, 1974	1.25

Type 86 - JOSEPH HOWE OBSERVANCE - HALIFAX, 1975-1977

A new, third type HOWE OBSERVANCE Flag cancellation was introduced in 1975, and has been continued thru 1977. During the entire three year period, no Hub varieties occur.



As in both 1973 and 1974, the 1975 die had two days of "unofficial" use, but in this instance the die was not altered.

86 -1	Commercial Use	August 19-20, 1975	2.00
	Cachet Covers	October 2-11, 1975	1.00
	Commercial Use	October 2-11, 1975	1.00

While a new die was prepared for 1976 the only difference is in the date.

86 -2	Commercial Use	September 30 - October 9, 1976	1.00
	Cachet Covers	September 30 - October 8, 1976	1.00

Type 86 (Cont:-)

1977 again saw no unusual happenstances!

86 -3	Commercial Use	September 29 - October 7, 1977	.75
	Cachet Covers	September 29 - October 7, 1977	.75

Type 87 - QUEPEX '1975, Quebec

This flag cancellation was in use at the 47th Annual Convention of the Royal Philatelic Society of Canada, May 29 -31, 1975.

While there are very minor differences in the time markings indicia, we do not treat these as varieties.

Here again, the cancelling devise was put into general use some time prior to the convention, - and for two days, May 1-2nd, commercial use was possible.

The style of this Flag Cancel was generally adopted for most "philatelic" flag cancels which were to follow, - the basic outline of the flag remaining the same but the emblem and inscriptions being changed.

The largest number of cancels were those of May 30th, which was also the first day for the 1) Marguerite Beurgeoy, 2) Alphonse Desjardins, 3) John Cook and 4) Samuel Chown Issues.

87 -1	QUEBEC	May 1, 1975	2.00
		May 2, 1975	3.50
		May 29-30, 1975	1.00
		May 31, 1975 on Menu-Souvenir	3.50

The COMPEX CANCELLATION 1975

This interesting cancellation is not given a type No. as it is not a Canadian Cancellation, - it was used at COMPEX '75. held in Chicago, Illinois, USA.

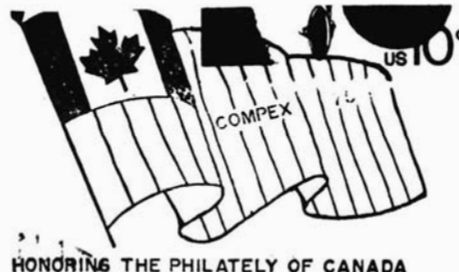


HONORING THE PHILATELY OF CANADA

The ORIGINAL ESSAY for the COMPEX Flag Cancellation

The cancellation was used during the three days of its show - May 23, 24 and 25th, 1975.

Estimated values for these are \$1.00 each.



HONORING THE PHILATELY OF CANADA

Type 88 - KAPEX '76--Peterborough, Ont.

KAPEX was the 20th Anniversary Exhibition of the Kawartha Philatelic Society of Peterborough, Ontario, and was held March 13-14, 1976. This will explain the dates 1956 - 1976, and "March 13 - 14 Mars" incorporated into the Flag design.

The Cancellation slug was in use on commercial covers from February 16th until 8:30 p.m. March 15th.

Two of these dates exist as inverts, February 23rd and February 24th, on unaddressed covers. The time marking of the 23rd is 6:30 a.m. and of the 24th is 8:30 a.m. Twenty covers of each exist.

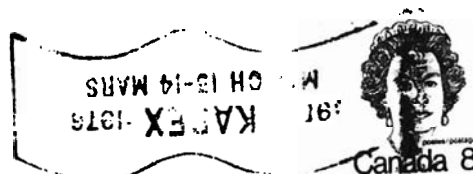
The QUEPEX Menu- Souvenir Flag Cancel was the inspiration for a similar one here, - with 75 menus being so cancelled on March 13th.

We understand that the last day of use for the cancel was March 15th, and the last batch of processed covers were with the time marking of 8:30 PM.



Above:- Latest Date, Mar. 15 8:30PM

Below:- INVERT, February 24th



88 -1 Peterborough Feb. 16 thru March 15, 1976

Commercial Covers

March 15, 1976 "8:30 PM"

March 13 and 14 Cachet covers

March 13 Menu-Souvenir

-1A INVERTED February 23 and 24, 1976

.75  
1.50  
1.00  
3.00  
15.00

Type 89 - BCPEX, Vancouver, 1977

This is the second "philatelic" flag cancellation with the same basic design (see Type 87).

Used at the 49th Annual Convention and Exhibition of the Royal Philatelic Society of Canada, held in Vancouver, B.C. April 21 - 23, 1977.

It was in use all three days, and 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, including the supply of "Application for Philatelic Mailing List Service" - some of which were run thru the machine without postage.

April 22nd was the First Day of Issue for the new Floral Issue 1¢ to 10¢ values, and consequently most of the cancellations were run thru on that date. Very few cancels were run thru for the closing date.

89 -1 Vancouver April 21 opening day

April 22, 1977

April 23, closing day

Application card, any date

1.25  
1.00  
2.00  
2.00



Unfortunately the BCPEX Official Cachet cover design extended too far to the right and interfered with the postmark and cancel on the majority of covers.

Type 90 - QUEEN ELIZABETH SILVER JUBILEE, 1977

The third use of the basic "philatelic" flag, only this time it made a beautiful example with the Maple Leaf.



It is too bad that this lovely Flag Cancel was used only at the ORAPEX '77 event, - it should have had wider use, during 1977.

We are told that only 1,000 cachet covers were so cancelled. However there must have been a few commercial types that were put thru in addition to the official lot.

90-1	Ottawa	April 30, 1977 Cachet	1.15
		April 30, Commercial use	2.00

Type 91 - GIRL GUIDES - '77 National Jamboree

"GIRL GUIDES OF CANADA  
GUIDES DU CANADA  
MIRA RIVER N.S. / N.E.  
JULY/JUIL-20-3-AUG/AOUT"



Used at Sydney, N.S. - probably from July 20th to August 3rd, 1977. However the period may have been longer. Very little seems to be known about this cancellation, and there seems to have been very little advance publicity regarding it.

The last four lines of the legend read as shown above, in small caps, however all examples seen by this writer, are like the one shown here, and look as if something was intended to appear above these four lines, but it is impossible to make it out.

91 -1	Sydney, N.S.	July 20 - August 3, 1977	5.00
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Type 92 - BNAPEX '77 - Edmonton, Alta.

The fourth use of the basic "philatelic" design, except this time some minor changes in the design were made, eliminating the horizontal shading lines.

Used at the 34th Annual Convention of the British North America Philatelic Society, held at Edmonton, 15-17th. There seems to have been some limited commercial use of the Flag Cancel during the later part of the month.

92-1	Edmonton	September 15 - 17, 1977	1.25
		September 18 - 28 Commercial	3.50

Type 93 - ARCTIC GAMES 1978

For the first time since the in twenty-five years, - since the 1953 Coronation Flags, we now have a Flag cancellation used at more than a single postoffice, during the same period of time. And another first -- the First Canadian Flag Cancellation used in either the YUKON or North West Territories.

HAY RIVER PINE POINT  
MARCH 13--16 MARS  
ARCTIC WINTER GAMES  
JEUX D'HIVER  
DU GRAND NORD



The Arctic Games Flag Cancel was used at White Horse, Yukon, Hay River and Yellowknife, North West Terr.

The style is similar to the Girl Guides! Flag of 1977, having five lines of legend, in small caps, as shown above.

The period of use was approximately February 3 - March 28th, 1978. The latest dates shown in the listing below, are the latest so far reported to us.

93 -1	Hay River, NWT	Feb. 3 - March 28, 1978	1.50
-2	White Horse, Yukon	Feb. 3 - Mar. 22, 1978	1.50
-3	Yellowknife, NWT	Feb. 3 - Mar. 20, 1978	1.25

Type 94 - CALPEX '78 - Calgary

For the 2nd Annual Exhibition of the Calgary Philatelic Society, August 28-30, 1978.

The CPS had a number of Cachet covers bearing the two 14¢ Capt. Cook stamps, cancelled with the Flag devise, on August 26th, the 1st day of issue.

The Cancel was used the entire month of April. Many cancels were imprinted on metered mail for some unexplained reason.

**CALPEX '78**  
April 28 & 30, 1978  
annual exhibition of  
The Calgary Philatelic Society



94 -1	Calgary	April 26th, cachet, FDC	1.00
		April 1-30, 1978 Commercial	1.00
		as above, but metered mail	.50

Type 95 - UNITED CANADA UNI - 1978

This was the 1978 version of the ORAPEX Flag Cancellation, very similar to the 1977 design, but with the UNITED CANADA theme instead of the Silver Jubilee of Queen Elizabeth II.

Used one day only, May 6th, on both cachet and commercial covers. There is some indication that this may be the last of the ORAPEX Flags.



95 -1	Ottawa	May 6, 1978 cachet	1.15
		May 6, commercial	2.00



END of SECTION, End of CHAPTER?

That folks is the up-to-date report on the Flags of 1967-1978. No doubt some additional data will turn up later, and we will hope to incorporate it into the published "SUPPLEMENT" to the Handbook. We will welcome any assistance from any of you.

We also wonder if we are nearing the end of the story of Flag Cancels? Are they soon to become a thing of the past? We have heard rumors to that effect. We do believe that there will be far less "philatelic" flags in the future than we have seen in the past three or four years, and I'm not at all certain but that may be a blessing! But on the other hand it was fun trying to keep up with the blasted things!

OUR NEXT BULLETIN

Is almost complete as we finish this one. It will feature the complete revision of the balance of Section D of the Handbook, - The Modern Flags, 1937 - 1953. As I write this, FIVE pages of the next issue are already typed, and I expect all but one page will be typed before leaving for CAPEX.

The next issue will be the AUGUST one, and will contain a report on anything of Flag interest coming out of CAPEX '78. This will include a report on the Cancellation Seminar in which Flags will play a part, held on Friday, June 16th.

We also hope to have a tally of those attending.

A CANADIAN FLAG METER - (From Switzerland!)

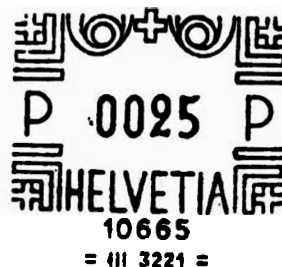
Back in BNA TOPICS for March 1967 we ran an article on Flag Meter Marks, and some collectors still think I should have included them in the Handbook. However strictly speaking they are not cancellations.

Therefore we elected to leave them out. However that does not mean you should not collect them - and a great many flag collectors include them in their study.

For that reason only we that that many of you might enjoy seeing a Canadian Flag Meter

Mark which isn't really Canadian, - it originated in Bern, Switzerland.

The example shown here, dated March 14, 1974, was used by the Canadian Embassy at Berne, and is all in red, - and is quite attractive. Sorry I have no duplicates.

SCHEDULE for OTHER SUPPLEMENTS via FLAG BULLETINS

September 1978 - Revisions of Chapters XIV Prairie Province's Exhibitions, 1917-19; Chapter XV Confederation Diamond Jubilee, 1927; Chapter XVI The Depression Years 1930-34.

November 1978 - Revisions to SECTION B the Early Flags, Chapters III, IV and V.

January 1979 - Revisions to Section B The Early Flags, Chapters VI, VII and VIII.

March 1979 - Revisions to Section C - King George V, Chapters IX, X, XI, XII, and XIII. This completes the revisions, and the final draft will be ready for printing the supplement.