

# THE FLAG POLE



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## EDITOR'S REMARKS

This is a somewhat smaller issue than of late, primarily because of the shortage of material submitted by members. I hope this means that you are all sending your reports of new and exciting finds to the consolidators who are collecting material for our new book.

With the exception of some Royal Train collateral material, my cupboard is virtually bare. If we are to have a worthwhile newsletter it is up to you all to support FLAG POLE by sending me material.

I am surprised that none of you have expressed views as to whether our book should include valuations or not. (See Editor's Remarks - Volume 3 Number 3).

## CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE

The Phil-Ex Show in Toronto during January was well attended and business was brisk. Prices appear to be rising (Ed. They are rising in the UK too, probably as a result of dealers preparing for London 90) and I for one did not find any bargains.

Our group held a small dinner meeting attended by Wayne Curtis, Doug Lingard, Bob Thorne and myself. Doug had a successful visit and he came up with a new LKD in the 1917 Flag series which he will no doubt report in due course.

This last week I have been looking carefully at my 1937 Coronation Flags (Type 50 and 51) and I have noticed that several additional towns appear to have used two different dater hubs. So far I have seen London and Ottawa (Ed. Richardson already lists Regina and Montreal). Therefore I would ask members to check their collections and report any different hubs to Tom (Ed. Yes please, with pictures!)

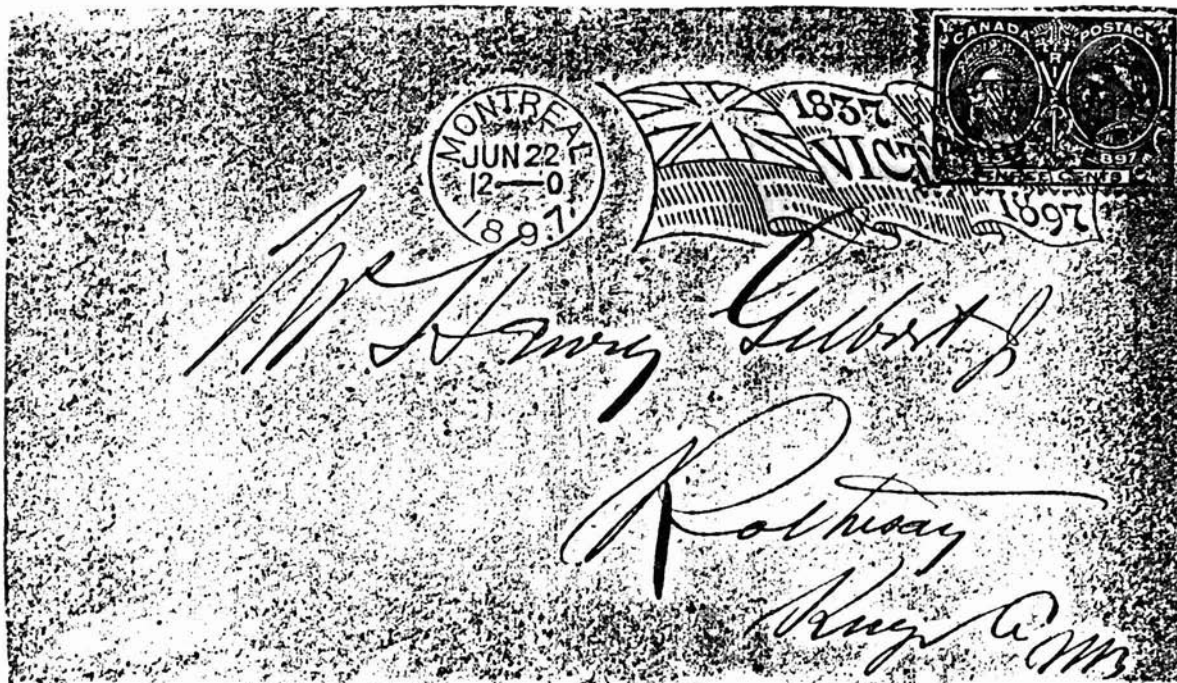
This issue contains articles on the Victorian and WWI flags.

VICTORIAN FLAGS

A member has submitted photocopies of two examples of the Montreal Jubilee flag 4-2 from his collection. However all is not as it might appear at first sight, the flags are different!

The 50 cents cover is clearly philatelic. The dater X is normally used with the Montreal Type 1 F flag, but here it is combined with the type 4 Ottawa flag die. This combination is reported only for the date of June 22nd. Note the small break at the top of the ensign which actually occurred about July 20th, suggesting that the cover was cancelled somewhat later than indicated by its CDS.

The 3 cents cover, also dated June 22nd, is the first reported example of dater X with the six stroke Montreal flag. This is apparently a commercial, non-philatelic use. It could be that the date is in fact significant and this is a favour cover.



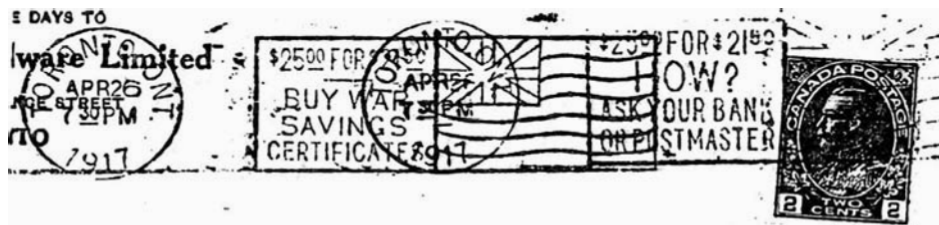
WWI FLAGS

I have received a report of Brandon 21-1 used on 5th October, somewhat later than previously reported and only ten days before the die was returned.

John Robertson, our Chairman has submitted three interesting photocopies. The first two show strikes of Toronto 34-5. John describes the first, dated April 2nd, as a "regular flag". He describes the second, dated August 9th, as a "mini flag". He wonders what has caused this strange effect. Can anybody explain what happened? Do other examples exist?



He has also sent a piece with strikes of two different flags, 27-2 and 28-4. At least five International machines were installed in Toronto at this time.



The cover below has two differently timed strikes of 23-11 and one of the die 1CNE slogan. After failing to cancel the stamp on the Saturday the Post Office finally cancelled it early on Monday morning.

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