

THE FLAG POLE

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A WORD FROM THE EDITOR

Right about now most of you are probably asking yourselves, "Who are those people in the photograph?" And, "What are they doing on the front page of the Flag Pole?" Not surprisingly, I can answer those questions. First, that's me on the left and the gentleman on the right is the 17th King of Abomey, one of the traditional kingdoms of Benin - formerly Dahomey - in West Africa.

As to what we're doing in the Flag Pole, well some of you may have noticed that this issue is just a *tiny bit* later arriving in the mail than we all would have hoped. There are two main reasons for this. In real life I make my living writing, directing and producing aviation-related and tourism videos. This allows me to make money which can then be quickly exchanged for the philatelic items I covet. All this to say that I spent the best part of December and January in West Africa where there was not a television or newspaper to be found - let alone a computer to use to put together The Flag Pole

The second reason we're a little behind is really quite simple. (After all it is mid-March and I've been back for almost six weeks.) **Not enough articles to publish!!** So if anybody out there has a little unpublished research, please send it along, even if its not a finished manuscript I can help you whip it into shape.

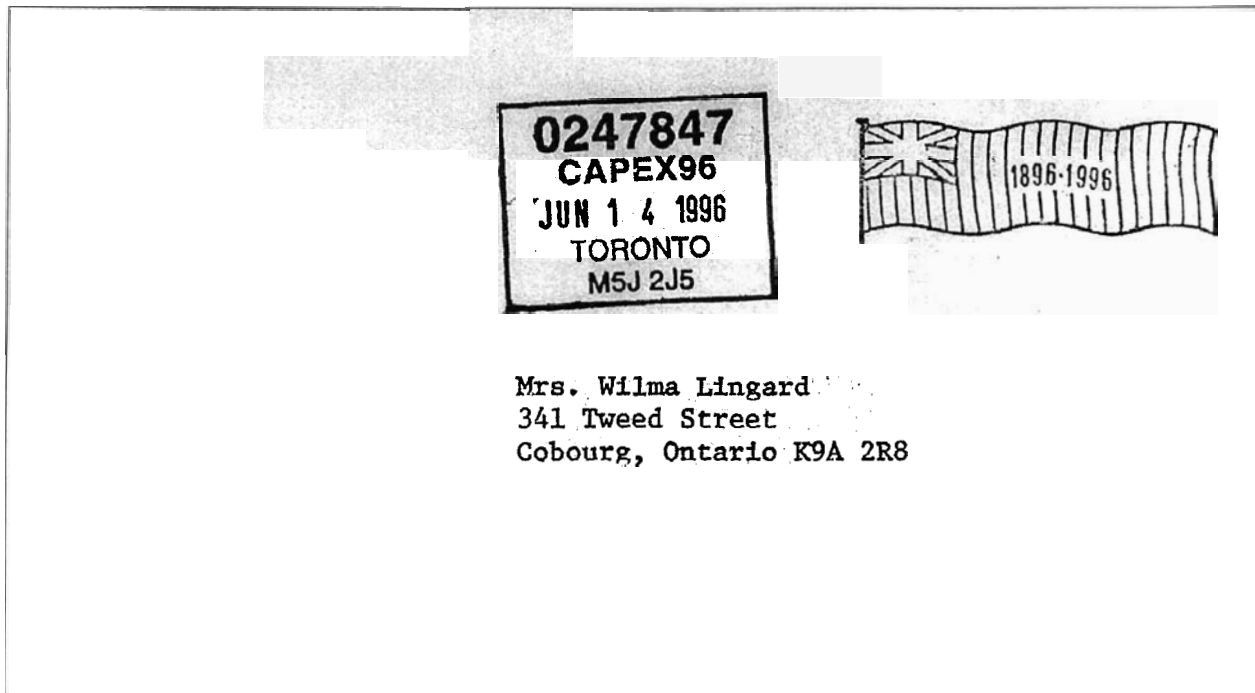
Next month will see a major article on the Toronto "01" dater hubs and more updates on the "Enlist Now" Flags, if you have something to publish, why not send it in now?

You will also notice that this issue of the Flag Pole is printed on different paper. This is because from now on we will be printing directly from my laser printer. It doesn't cost any more and provides a better quality copy for the membership. Especially when printing photographs which tend to get "muddy" when photocopied.

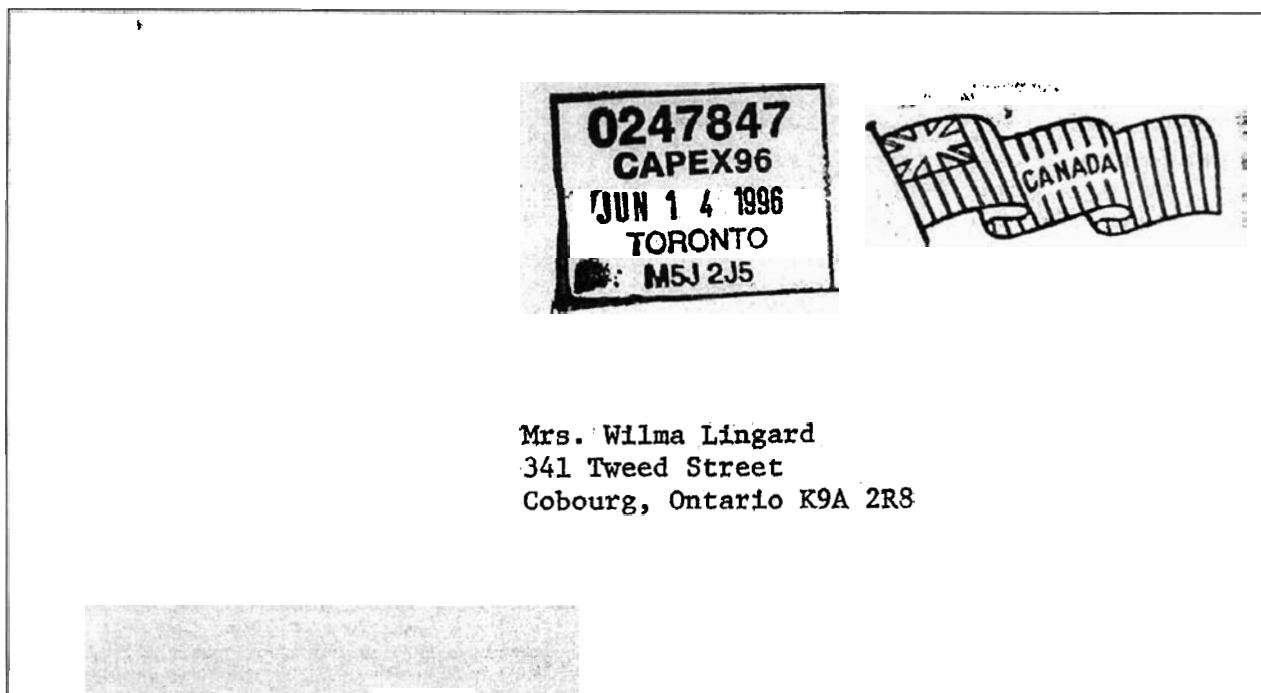
'Till the next time...

MORE CAPEX FANTASIES

In the June edition of the Flag Pole, Bob Thorne showed some dater hub/cancelling die varieties that were prepared in the wee hours of the morning. Two new combinations have since "come to light".

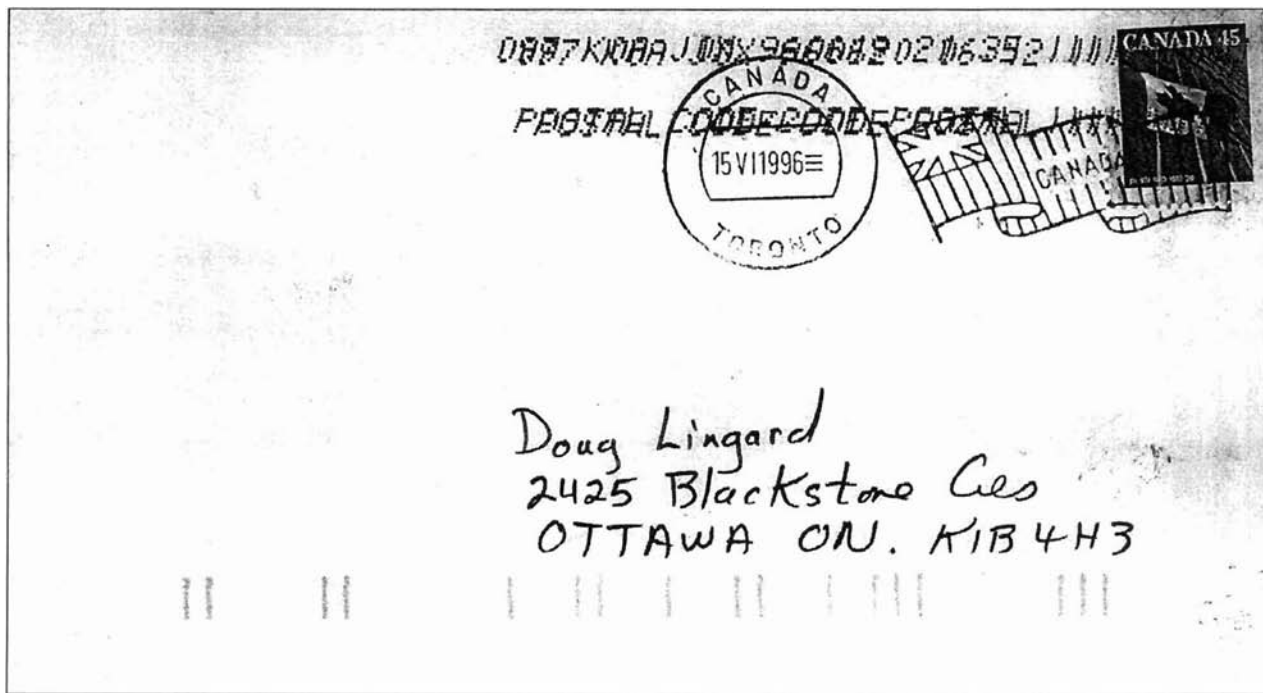


The CAPEX Retail Postal Outlet hand cancel used in conjunction with the Pitney Bowes flag obliterator.

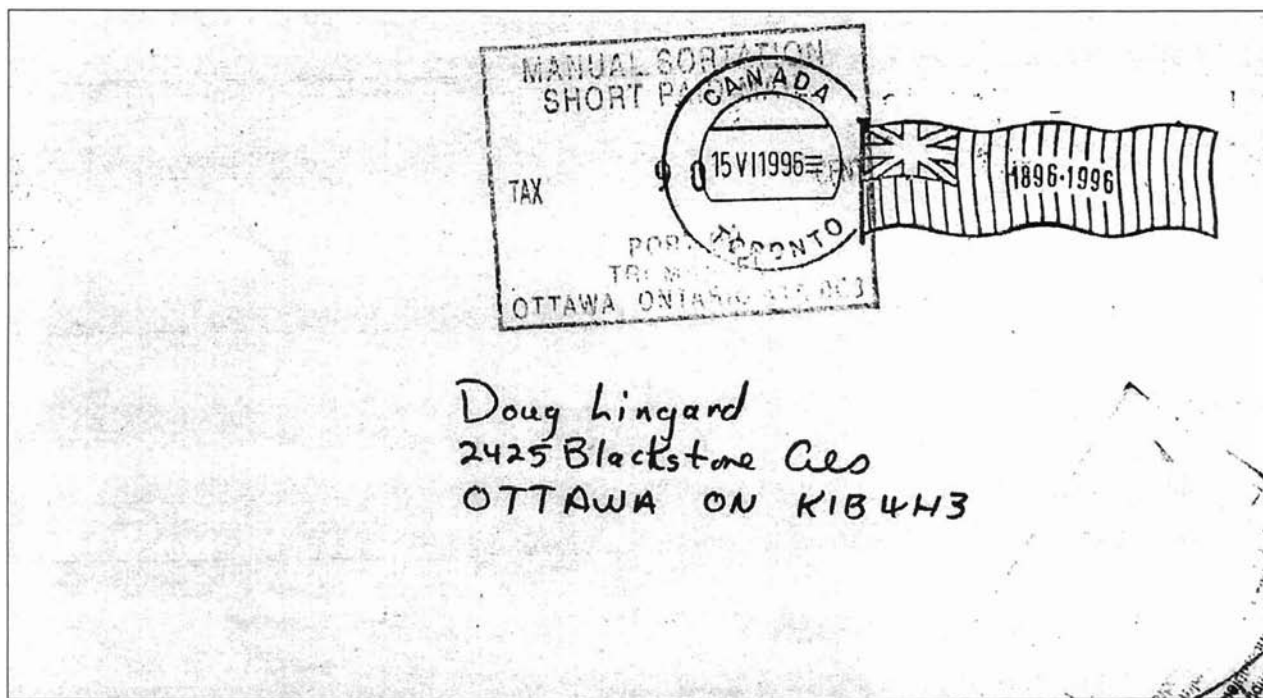


The same hand cancel used with the IPS obliterator.

Canada Post made arrangements for covers mailed at CAPEX to bypass the normal bar coding and cancelling facilities at Toronto. Probably very few, if any, covers delivered in the Toronto area received supplemental markings. However, some of those mailed to other cities did.



The above Klussendorf/IPS hybrid received both bar coding and spray-on markings at Ottawa.

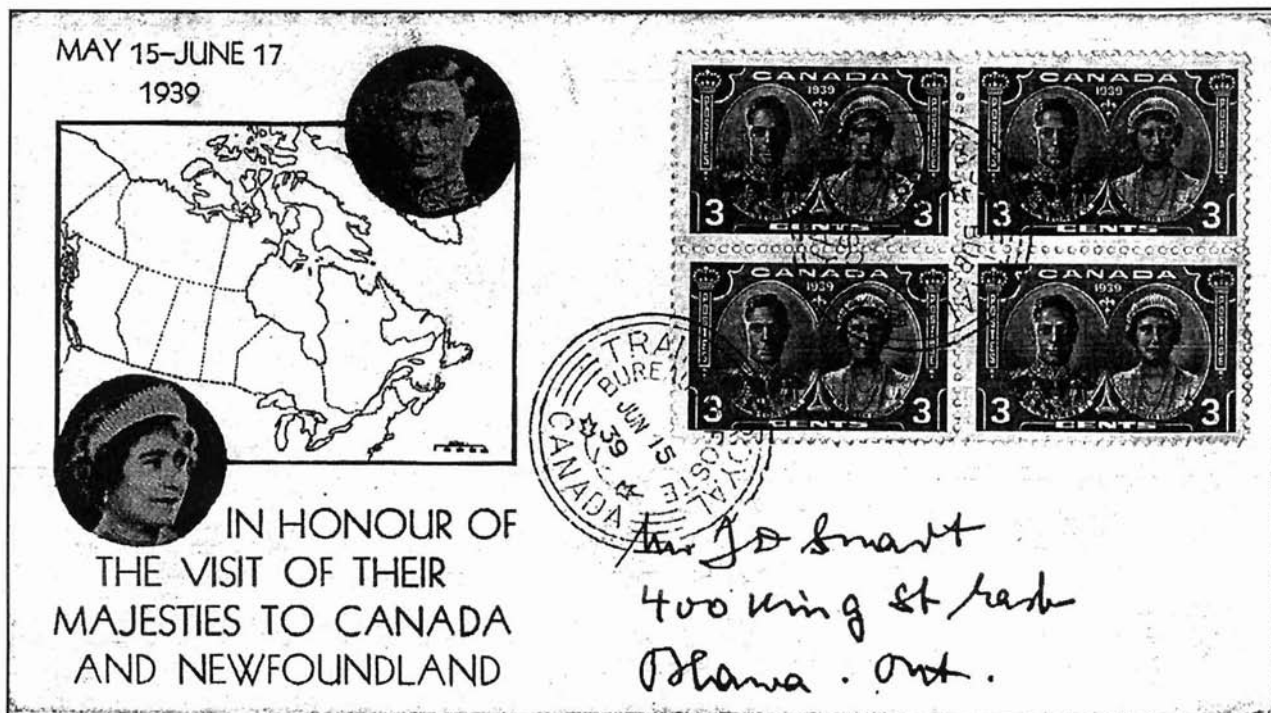


The Klussendorf/Pitney Bowes hybrid example below received a "Short Paid" marking, also at Ottawa.

**Nasty, Unfounded Rumour; It is believed by some, that the addressees of these CAPEX fantasies are the direct lineal descendants of the Baker Family that lived on Hutchison Street in Montreal during the latter part of the 1890s.*

A RARE ROYAL TRAIN ERROR

by Doug Lingard



This is believed to be first report of the French hand cancel used on June 15. Of even greater interest is the use of the English month "JUN" rather than the French "JUIN" and the complete absence of a time mark!. Do any other members have an example of this rare error?



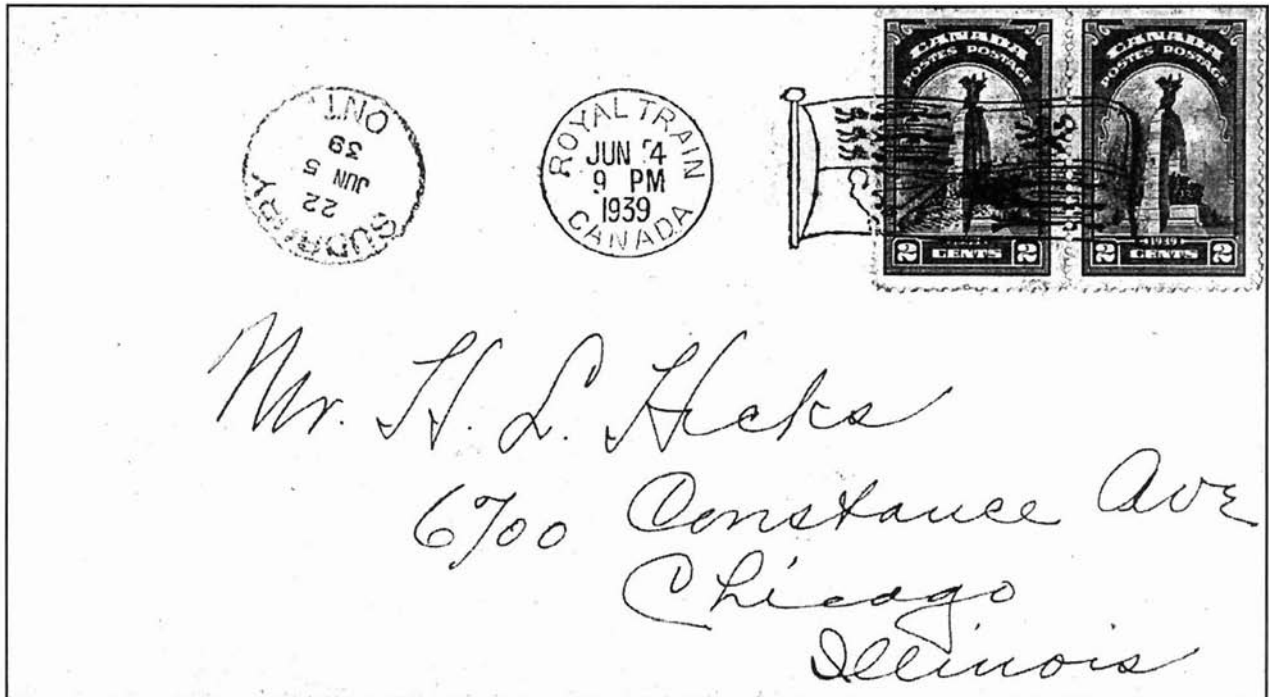
A similar cover mailed to the same address was cancelled with the normal English cancel showing time mark 18 (6 PM) while the Royal Trains were at Halifax.

ROYAL TRAIN FLAG CANCELS - EN ROUTE IN NORTHERN ONTARIO

by Doug Lingard



While time mark 4PM on JUN 5 is known on a test card, this cover is thought to be the first report of a postally used example, applied while the Royal Train was probably en-route near Capreol, Ontario. If anyone has another example Doug would appreciate a photocopy.



Another very scarce time mark while the train was en-route near Savant Lake. It appears that covers cancelled in Northern Ontario were turned over to the post office in Sudbury. Note the Sudbury transi CDS on both items.

THE CAPEX DINNER



The Flag Cancel Study Group heads out to dinner - with a number of distinguished guests in tow. Note that this law abiding group crosses only on green lights!



This time Newman lashes out at Bob Heasman from Victoria! Lingard thought sending his rare House of Assembly straight line Bickerdike out to the west coast might put an end to the violence. Boy was he wrong!



Photos courtesy Ron Kitchen

*Bob Thorne, Bob Heasman,
John Firth, Harry Machum,
Geoff Newman, Doug Lingard,
David Sessions, Larry
Paigeand - could it be -
Geoff's friend Sally Flagstaff?*