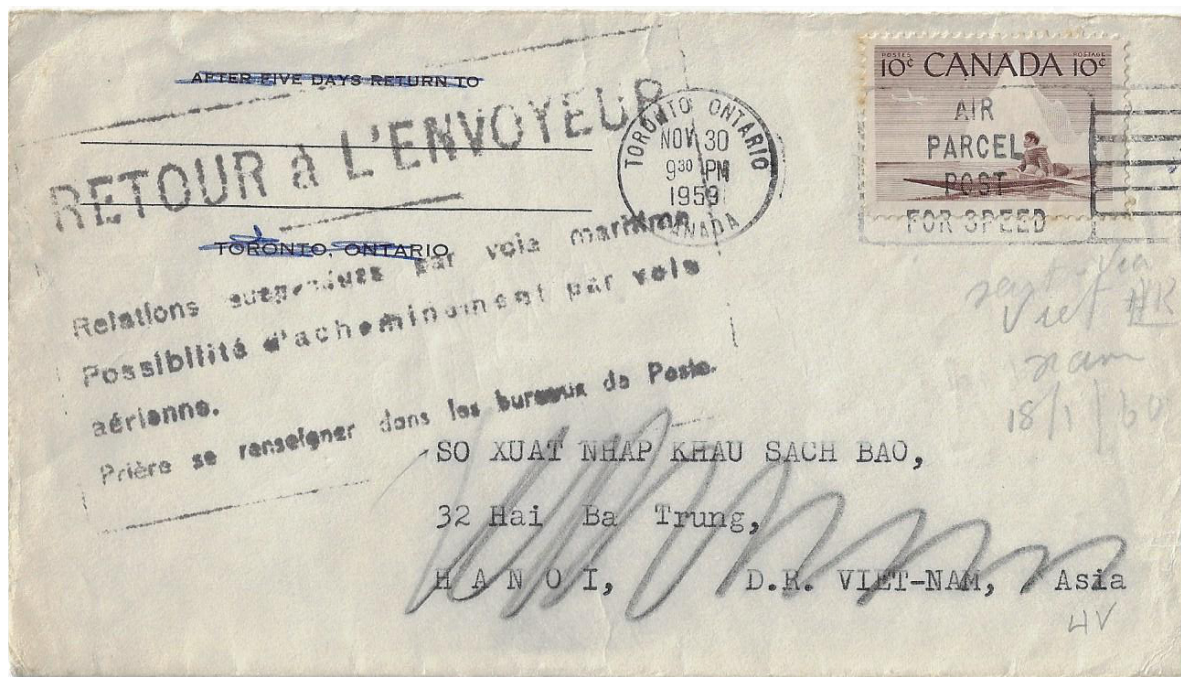


Kayak Corner

Toronto to the Democratic Republic of Vietnam - 1959

by Jane Sodero



This cover from Toronto, ON to Hanoi, Democratic Republic of Vietnam (North Vietnam) was mailed on Nov 30, 1959. It was sent surface mail at 10¢ for a 2 oz letter, a rate to Asia which was in effect from Apr 1, 1954 until Dec 31, 1965. Due to diplomatic tensions, surface/maritime mail service to Vietnam was suspended. Since the 10¢ paid was insufficient for airmail the letter was returned to sender. The sender's address was on the back of the envelope.

Upcoming Shows

June 6-7, 2026	Salon du Timbre et du Vieux Papier de Québec, Québec, QC
June 12-14, 2026	Royal*2026*Royale, Kitchener-Waterloo, ON
Sept 17- 20, 2026	BNAPEx, Salaberry-de-Valleyfield, QC

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50 Years Ago

May 1976

May 12 • Habitat



June 1976

June 1 • United States Bicentennial, Benjamin Franklin

June 1 • Wing Parade, Royal Military College, 1876-1976

June 1 • Colour Party Royal Military College, 1876-1976

June 18 • Flame Ceremony, 1976 Olympic Games

June 18 • Opening Ceremony, 1976 Olympic Games,

June 18 • Victory Ceremony, 1976 Olympic Games



BNAPLEX 2026 Valleyfield QC, September 18-20, 2026

Elizabethan II Study Group Show-and-Tell

Saturday, September 19, 2026, 13:00-14:20, SHPQ Room.

Editor's Column

May has been a whirlwind. Starting with ORAPEX in Ottawa and now heading to the Salon du Timbre et du Vieux Papier de Québec with a stop at Boston 2026 in between. The next major philatelic event is Royal*2026*Royale in Kitchener-Waterloo. Spring is certainly the time for stamp collectors! At least we have the summer to recuperate before BNAPEX in Valleyfield in September.

This is a thin issue as my cupboard of articles is empty. I challenge all of our members to write an article about their favorite Elizabethan item.

Congratulations to Elizabethan exhibitors at ORAPEX!

- Large Gold** Robert Elias - *Use of Canadian Wilding Definitive Stamps, 1954-1963*
Multi Frame Reserve Grand Award and the John D. Arn 'White Queen Award'
- Gold** Ross Elliot - *Errors and Frauds in Canadian Coil Stamps: .06 cent Orange Centennial and .46 cent Red Flag*
- Large Vermeil** Haifa Selo - *The Centennial Definitive Low-Value of Canada 1967 to 1973 (1¢-8¢)*
RPSC Novice Award and AAPE Novice Award
- Large Silver** Larry Margetish - *The Story Behind Canada's 50¢ Seashore Stamp*
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Manitoba Landmark Demolished

Robin Harris reported the grain elevator depicted in the 1978 Prairie Street Scene stamp in the Streets of Canada issue was torn down in April 2026. According to a [CBC article](#) by Chelsea Kemp posted on April 15, 2026, the elevator was deemed unfit for occupancy in 2025. Located in Austin, Manitoba, halfway between Brandon and Postage la Prairie, the elevator was built in 1951. Bought by the Pine Creek Hutterite Colony in 2003, it was one of the few remaining wooden grain elevators in the prairies. A representative of the Manitoba Historical Society told CBC that “wooden grain elevators don't meet the needs of modern agriculture. They are small compared with modern grain elevators and need constant upkeep.” They noted that Austin’s other wooden grain elevator, built in 1901, was moved to the Manitoba Agricultural Museum in Austin in the 1970s. More information about the Streets of Canada issue can be found in the [May-June 2003](#) issue of the *Corgi Times*.



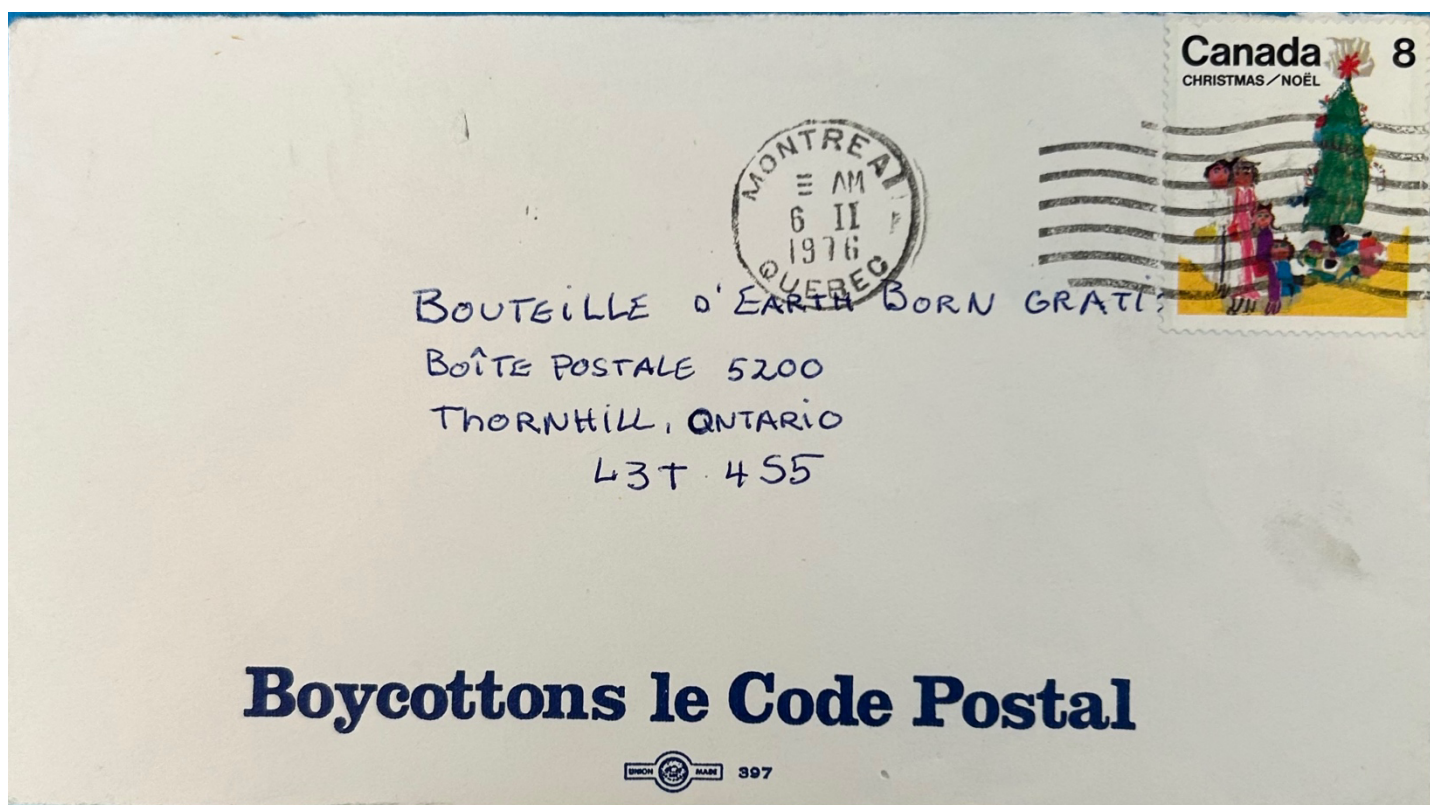
Austin, MB Grain Elevator c. 2013 – Google Streetview grab [Postal History Corner](#) website

[CBC News](#) April 15,2026

Postal Code Boycott

by Peter MacDonald

In 1975, Canadian postal workers boycotted the newly introduced postal code system and engaged in a public campaign including the distribution of pre-printed envelopes with "Boycott" language. Workers feared automation from new sorting machines would destroy traditional hand-sorting jobs. They also opposed lower wages given to machine operators compared to traditional clerks. While public response varied, the boycott did slow initial postal code adoption. The cover shown is franked with a 1975 Christmas issue 8c stamp postmarked by Montreal machine cancel dated February 6, 1976, the month the dispute ended, when the union negotiated a landmark contract securing vital job protections against rapid technological changes. Ironically, the sender used the postal code in the mailing address!



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