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Membership dues for 1999-2000 are now due. In response to several requests provision has now been made for dues paid in advance up to a maximum of three years. the savings is protection from any price increase during the period chosen. As stated in the dues notice no increase is planned for the next year.

The U. S. Post Office has created an interesting situation. The first 41 issues of Corgi Times were mailed overseas and to Canada as printed matter. Recently the two ounce rate to Canada was 70¢ and the three ounce was 93¢. New rates were effective June 1 and printed matter rates are now two ounces 85¢ and three ounces \$1.26. At the same time two ounces first class is 76¢ and three ounces is \$1.00. This issue is being mailed first class at the three ounce rate. Please advise if there is an unusual delay in receiving your copy. Mailed 7/3.

The American Philatelic Society has been working with independent sources to foster re-establishing availability of key stamp supply materials for the hobby. Two projects are finished and should be on the market soon. The first is a preservation spray which will reach the market under the name "Archival Mist" and the second is watermark fluid which should be on the market soon under the name "Clarity". While the APS worked hard to promote the

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development of these products they do not have an interest in their commercial venture. There is also work going on for development of a true peelable hinge. The biggest problem is evidently convincing a commercial source that the size of the market warrants the effort. Nothing definite yet.

New member, Del Peters, Saskatoon, SK., reported in the last issue has advised he collects Elizabethan II Period Definitives.

The BNAPS annual convention will be in Vernon, B.C. September 16-18, 1999. There will be a Study Group meeting and current indications are it will be a good one. Plan now to attend. Watch for the schedule and check again when you arrive at the show.

The study group Roster promised in these notes in the last issue is definitely included with this mailing. We apologize for the confusion. The change resulted from two things: first, the Editor miscounted pages and if an issue is going to three ounces it will always be the goal to fully utilize the weight; second, as explained on page 106 of the last issue a late decision was made to change The Study Group Roster to a free standing document. Beginning with Vol. 8 changes will be issued periodically enabling members to maintain their copy current at all times. New members will receive the Roster and subsequent changes as part of their initial membership material.

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* ANNUAL DUES: US and Canadian addresses US \$11.00. Canadian addresses option of CAN \$15.00. All others US \$16.00. Please make checks payable to "The Elizabethan II Study Group" and send to John D. Arn, Editor at the above address.

BACK ISSUES: Sample or Single issues US \$2.50. Vols. I through V (Six issues each including Addendums and Index of each Volume) US\$13.00 each. Vol. 1 through V (New consolidated 5 year Index) US \$6.00. Vol. VI (168 pages) US\$16.00.

SECTION I - ELIZABETHAN II MARKET REPORT - by Dean Mario

Prices realized for R. Maresch & Son's March 9-10 public sale have just arrived and members who didn't receive them may be interested in some of the results.

Proofs and die proofs continue to dominate the firm's sales with unique and seldom-before-seen items coming onto the market. Lot 1485 was a vertical pair (mint OG) green proof of the 1961 5¢ Pauline Johnson issue before the red printing was added. Despite the small gum thin and stain in the margin, it sold for \$891.25 (prices include the 15% buyer's fee in Canadian funds). It was estimated at \$1,000+. A lithographed die proof (lot 1491) of the background of the 1972/73 \$1 Vancouver, marked "3" handwritten in the LR corner, was estimated at \$1,000+ and sold for \$1,265. Two similar lithographed background die proofs of the 1972 \$2 Quebec with manuscript markings "1" (lot 1492) and "2" (lot 1493) were also offered and sold for \$977.50 and \$1,265 respectively.

Lot 1494 contained two progressive die proofs (one of the head, "Canada 8", and "postage/posses"; and the other with the inscription) of the 1973 8¢ Bishop Laval issue engraved on glazed paper. Both were marked in pencil "49 Slate" and the estimate was \$750+. It realized \$718.75. Another lithographed progressive die proof of the same stamp (lot 1495) but with blue and silver lettering sold for \$299 against a \$400+ estimate. An engraved progressive die proof in black of the portrait portion of the 1973 8¢ / 15¢ Royal Visit issues (lot 1497) was estimated at \$500+ and sold for \$333.50.

Lot 1490 contained a mint NH block of twelve of the 1974 8¢ "missing bird on the totem" variety (but mix- identified with the wrong catalogue number). Estimated at the 1999 Unitrade price of \$225, it reached \$97.75. An imperf mint NH pair of the 1973 15¢ RCMP Musical Ride (the top stamp with a "slight wrinkle") went to a new home for \$120.75 despite a Unitrade value of \$300 (lot 1496). A 1976 8¢ Royal Military College horizontal mint NH imperf pair (lot 1498) was estimated at \$2,000+ and sold for \$891.25. A mint NH UL plate block of the 1989 38¢ Regiments issue (lot 1507) reached \$138 with a Unitrade value of \$300 quoted. Lot 1508 contained an unusual complete sheet of twenty of the 1992 Space hologram issue with ten copies showing the "high orbit" variety tied to a 1993 unaddressed envelope. A mint pair with the same variety was also included. Estimated at \$500+, the lot sold for \$517.50. R. Maresch & Son can be contacted at 330 Bay St., Suite 703, Toronto, ON M5H 2S8; telephone (416) 363-7777; fax (416) 363-6511; or at their website at: www.maresch.com (.). Summer will soon be upon us and I hope that members have a wonderful time--don't forget about those summer auctions too!

Dues for 1999-2000 are now due. Also offered is an opportunity to pay up to three years in advance. Help Eppe and I cut down on postage and extra notices by **making your** choice and paying your renewal promptly. Many, many thanks.

SECTION I - GENERAL - CANADA 1999 NEW ISSUE PROGRAM

(Estimated Face Value - one each - 74 items \$)

Date of Issue	Denomination/s	Subject
Jan. 8	46¢ - Domestic rate - Comm.	Year of the Rabbit
Jan. 9	95¢ - Souvenir Sheet - Comm.	Year of the Rabbit
Feb. 17	46¢ - Domestic Rate - Definitive	Theater of the Green Curtain - Montreal
Feb. 24	46¢ - Domestic Rate - 4 Se-tenant	Four Different Birds - Commemoratives
Feb. 24	46¢ - Domestic Rate - 2 Envelopes	A No. 8 & a no. 10 - hairy woodpecker & great fly catcher
Mar. 9	46¢ - Domestic Rate - Comm.	Univ. of British Columbia Museum of Anthropology
Mar. 19	46¢ - Domestic Rate - Comm.	Marco Polo - Cargo Sailing Ship
Mar. 31	46¢ - Domestic Rate - 4 Se-tenant	Scenic Highways - 3rd set & last year
Apr. 1	46¢ - Domestic Rate - Comm.	Canada's Newest Territory (part of NWT)
Apr. 12	46¢ - Domestic Rate - Comm.	International Year of Older Persons
Apr. 19	46¢ - Domestic Rate - Comm.	Sikh Canadians - 300th Anniv. Baisakha Day
Apr. 27	46¢ - Domestic Rate - 4 Se-tenant	Orchids - Commemoratives
Apr. 29	1¢ - 25¢ Low Values - 8 Varieties	New Low Value Definitive Series featuring crafts and trades requiring use of hands
Jun. 2	46¢ - Domestic Rate - 4 Se-tenant	Famous Canadian Horses
Jun. 7	46¢ - Domestic Rate - Comm. Envelope	Heritage Club 10th Anniversary
June 3	46¢ - Domestic Rate - Comm.	Barreau du Quebec - Quebec's bar 150th anniversary
Jun. 24	46¢ - Grain Elevator - Comm. Envelope	75th Anniversary Saskatchewan Wheat Pool
	46¢ - Capital City - Comm. Envelope	100th Anniv. - National Capital Commission
Jul. 2	95¢ - Int'l Ltr. Post & Post Card	Masterpieces of Canadian Art *
Jul. 12	46¢ - Domestic Rate - 4 Se-tenant	Pan American Games - Winnipeg - Comm.
Aug. 22	46¢ - Domestic Rate - Comm.	World Rowing Championships
Aug. 23	46¢ - Domestic Rate - Comm.	150th Anniv. - Universal Postal Union
Sep. 3	46¢ - Domestic Rate - Post Card	Francophone Summit - Comm.
Sep. 4	46¢ - Domestic Rate - 4 Se-tenant	Canadian International Air Show - 50th Ann.
Sep. 4	46¢ - Domestic Rate - 16 Varieties	Canadian Air Force 75th Anniversary - Com.
Sep. ?	46¢ - Domestic Rate - Comm.	North Atlantic Treaty Organization - 50th Ann.
Sep. 24	46¢ - Domestic Rate - Comm.	Frontier College, Ontario - 100th Anniv.
Oct. ?	46¢ - Domestic Rate - 4 Se-tenant	Kites - Stamp Collecting Month
Nov. ?	Christmas Issue - 3 Varieties	Expected to feature Victorian Angels

* Will be issued at Phillexfrance 99 stamp show in Paris July 2-11

Housekeeping on above table:

Size 10 font - items have been issued.

Bold - not on original listing - Special notes below

The new 46¢ Coil has been found imperforate between.

The current 46¢ imperforate Maple Leaf flag definitive was printed with wrong inscriptions on the margins of the 30 stamp panes. The paper code used was "C" for Coated Paper. Future print runs will use the correct code, "J" for JAC Paper.

New issues may be ordered from: National Philatelic Centre
Antigonish, NS B2G 2R8

From North America: 1 800 565 4362 - from other countries: (902) 863 6550
or FAX: (902) 863 6796

**SECTION I - GENERAL - ELIZABETHAN II STUDY GROUP
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AS OF YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 1999**

By: Eppe Bosch - Treasurer

OPERATING FUND - YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 1999

Income:

Advertising	\$ 152.19	
Membership Dues	972.58	
BNAPS Stipend & Memberships	126.00	
Operating Fund Contributions	46.00	
Back Issues	2.50	
Study Group Auction - (Profit from 1998)	<u>74.00</u>	
Net Income		\$ 1 373.27

Expenses:

Photocopy Expenses	\$ 666.97	
Postage	509.75	
Supplies	59.39	
Telephone	<u>10.70</u>	
Total Expenses		<u>1 246.81</u>
Operating Fund Balance - June 30, 1999		\$ <u>126.46</u>

RESEARCH RESERVE FUND

Balance - June 30, 1998	\$ 1 795.94	
Additions - (Note a)	408.00	
Expenditures - 5 Yr. Index	(17.60)	
Interest - 12 months June 30, 1999	<u>81.10</u>	
Balance - June 30, 1999		\$ <u>2 267.44</u>

Funds Held:

Cash	290.48	
Certificate of Deposit	<u>1 976.96</u>	
		\$ <u>2 267.24</u>

BALANCE SHEET AS OF JUNE 30, 1999

Assets:

Cash in Bank		
Operating Fund	\$ 80.75	
Research Reserve Fund	<u>290.48</u>	\$ 371.23
Accounts Receivable		16.88
Due from BNAPS		209.00
Auction Fund		183.00
Investment (C/D)		<u>1 976.96</u>
Total Assets		\$ <u>2 757.07</u>

Liabilities:

Dues Collected in Advance (PIA)		\$ 85.00
Study Group Equity:		
Research Reserve Fund		2 267.24
Operating Fund		
Balance June 30, 1998	\$ 278.37	
Additions	<u>126.46</u>	
Balance June 30, 1999		<u>404.83</u>
Total Study Group Equity		<u>2 672.07</u>
Total Liabilities & Study Group Equity		\$ <u>2 757.07</u>

Notes to the financial statements:

With one exception, all exchange losses, as incurred, are charged against membership dues. As a result all other elements of income (advertising, donations, back issues) are stated at full U. S. dollar value as are additions to the Research Reserve Fund. The one exception is the profit from the Study Group Auction which is recorded net after estimated exchange loss.

No interest is received on the checking account and no bank charges are incurred. An interest bearing \$1 800.00 Certificate of Deposit is the major component of the Research Reserve Fund.

The amount due from BNAPS represents the BNAPS Stipend for the past 18 months plus two membership reimbursements.

Throughout the year postage costs have continued to be minimized by the purchase of mint postage at 85% to 90% of face.

Current Study Group Membership Dues which became effective Jan. 1, 1998 are continued unchanged. There is also no change in the prices for back issues and other publications.

(Note a- Mint postage and cash donations to the Operating Fund as well as donations to the Research Reserve Fund were significant factors in another successful year for the Study Group. A sincere thank you to each of the following members: John Altken, John Arn, Richard Beecher, Dr. Andre Bisailon, John Burnett, John Cooper, Steve Cruse, George Dresser, Bruce Elkin, Don Frazer, T. E. Gartland, Robert Haslewood, John Hillmer, Robert Hourihan, John E. Jones, Gerald LaRiviere, James Love, Harry Machum, Robert McLeish, Dr. Roy MacRae, Myron Molnau, Herbert Nishio, Samuel Rock, Dr. Max Szweras, Paul Tissington, Donald Ure, Barrie Wilbee and George Yarkle.

PLANNING CALENDAR

This is a listing of major exhibitions and bourses with a large content of both Canadian Exhibits and Canadian Dealers. Minimum listing criteria: Two day event; 1000 page exhibition - 18 Dealer Bourse - 50% offering Canadian material. The Goal is to list events far in advance to encourage either exhibiting or attendance and preferably both.

1999

Sept. 16-18 BNAPEX '99, Best Western Vernon Lodge, Vernon, B.C. Info:
BNAPEX '99, 203-1139 Sutherland Ave., Kelowna, B. C. V1Y 5Y2 or
(250) 861-1106 or Email:lee@silks.net

2000

Feb. 18-20 AmeriStamp Expo 2000, Portland, Or. Convention Center (APS Spring Show)
Info: e-mail <stampshow@stamps.org

Mar. 26-28 EDMONTON SPRING NATIONAL & REGIONAL SHOW, West Edmonton Mall, Info:
Exhibits Chairman, Edmonton Stamp Club, P.O. Box 399, Edmonton, AB, T5J 2J6

Mar. 24-26 Winnipeg, MB is the site of ROYAL 2000. Info: Rick Penko, 3793 Vialoux Drive,
Winnipeg, MB, R3R 0A5

Apr. 24-25 ORAPEX 1999 - Info: Douglas W. Lingard, 2425 Blackstone Cres., Ottawa, Ont.
K1B 4H3. (Plan extra time and visit the Canadian Archives)
4X2 or(506) 453-1792 or Email:rugbyron@nb.sympatico.ca

May 22-28 THE STAMP SHOW 2000 - Earls Court, London, England. Canadian Commissioner:
Clifford R. Gulle, P. O. Box 180, Port Hope, ON, L1A 3W3

SECTION I - GENERAL - MAIL BOX

Robert Gagnon sent along two interesting items.

First, Booklet No. 124 (10 - 40¢ Flag) with horizontal "red" and "blue" lines in the the upper margin of stamp 2/1. The lines have been drawn to scale in the photocopy .



The second is a miscut booklet No. 111A. This is the scarce 1¢.5¢ x (2), 39¢ booklet with the combination 12.5 X 13 perforations. (Imperforate both left and right side).

BK-111a
12 1/2 x 13
MISCUT

Use the correct postage

Destination	Weight	Postage
Within Canada:	up to 30 g	39c
To the U.S.:	up to 30 g	45c
International:	up to 20 g	78c

Complete Postage Guides are available at postal outlets.

Affranchissez suffisamment

Destination	Poids	Tarif
Au Canada :	jusqu'à 30 g	0.39 \$
Aux États-Unis :	jusqu'à 30 g	0.45 \$
International :	jusqu'à 20 g	0.78 \$

Des guides détaillés des tarifs postaux sont disponibles partout où l'on vend des timbres.

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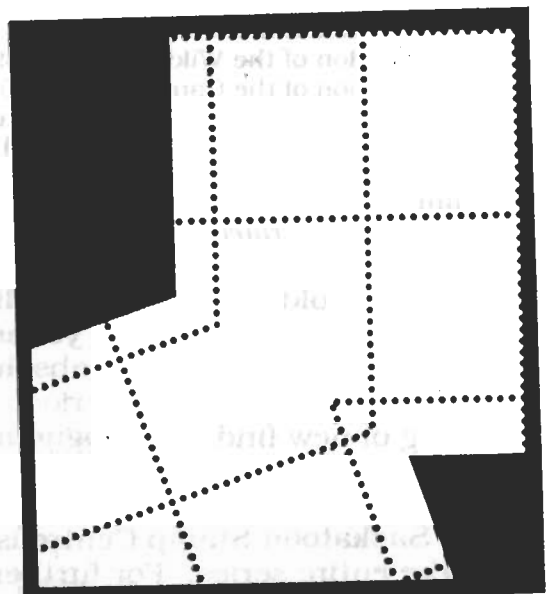
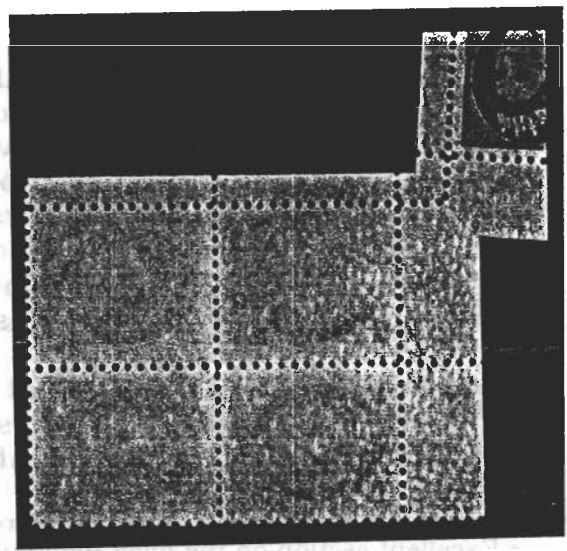
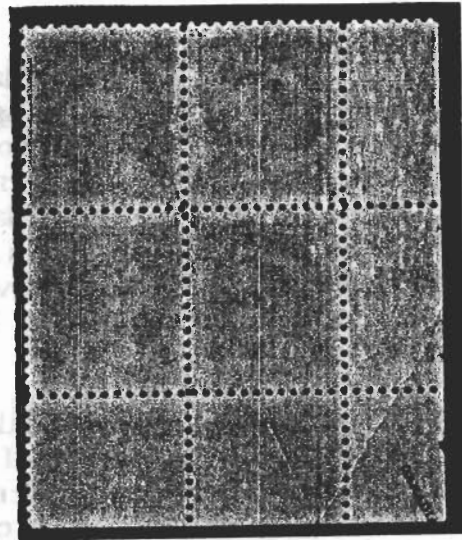
Noted in the report on IBRA '99 held April 27 to May 4 in Nuremberg, Germany: **Literature competition - a Large Vermeil (88 points) to Clmon Morin** for his "Canadian Philately: Bibliography and Index - Vol. 3." - a Large Vermeil (86 points) to **Joseph Monteiro** for his "Definitives of Canada: the Last Quarter Century (1967 - 1994) Volume 1 & 2." Joseph also collected two Silver Awards for his "Printing and Perforating Errors of Postage Stamps in Canada (1953 - 1997) - an Analysis" and his "A Bibliography on Canadian Definitive Postage Stamps. Major Errors and Some Thematic Fields of the Queen Elizabeth II Era (1953-1957)." **Congratulations gentlemen!**

William Gard, Mount Forest, Ont. reports he has exhibited at two local area clubs one with two exhibits. "Canadian Registered Covers- 1990-1998", "High Value Definitive Issues - 1979-1998" and "Woodstock, Ontario Handstamp Postmarks." . He reports these as fun experiences. What a great way to get started with modern material and all three exhibits received vermeil awards.

SECTION I - GENERAL - CORNER FOLD-OVERS - by Donald LeBlanc

This is a continuation of a wonderful selection of "corner fold-overs" - this group virtually all from the Wilding definitive series.





SECTION I - BOOK REVIEW - KARSH, WILDING COME DEFINITIVES

by: D. Robin Harris

The latest book covering the classical period (Karsh, Wilding and Cameo issues during the period 1952 through 1966) has now been available for about six months. This is the sixth book written by Robin covering the definitive series of the Elizabethan II period. The first five were released in 1997 just in time to be entered in the Philatelic Literature competition held in connection with ORAPEX '97 in Ottawa. The excellence of these books was quickly recognized as they received a vermeil award. This latest book has a number of significant improvements over the first releases, many of which will be covered in this review.

This latest release continues the original stated goal: to illustrate all aspects of each definitive series (some of which are not illustrated anywhere else) in one reference book per series thereby eliminating the need to search a multiple number of books. Not only are the stamps there at a specialists level of detail but also there is excellent treatment of such subjects as tagging, perfins, plate imprints and booklet covers.

The success in achieving the goal has been outstanding perhaps due to a great extent to Robin's "open book" policy of soliciting and incorporating comments and suggestions from those having expertise in each of the specialty areas. This willingness to pursue a not invented here approach perhaps shows up most dramatically in the "Series Variety Count" which lists a total of 1,077 items. (Face value different, precancels, officials, coils, ribbed paper varieties, tagging and booklet singles. There are a total of 120 mini panes, almost 600 Perfins, over 300 stationery items and more than 60 fluorescence varieties.

The organization of this current book permits selecting the scope of collecting or study one wishes to pursue. The following listing provides some appreciation of the breadth of information provided in the over 200 pages'

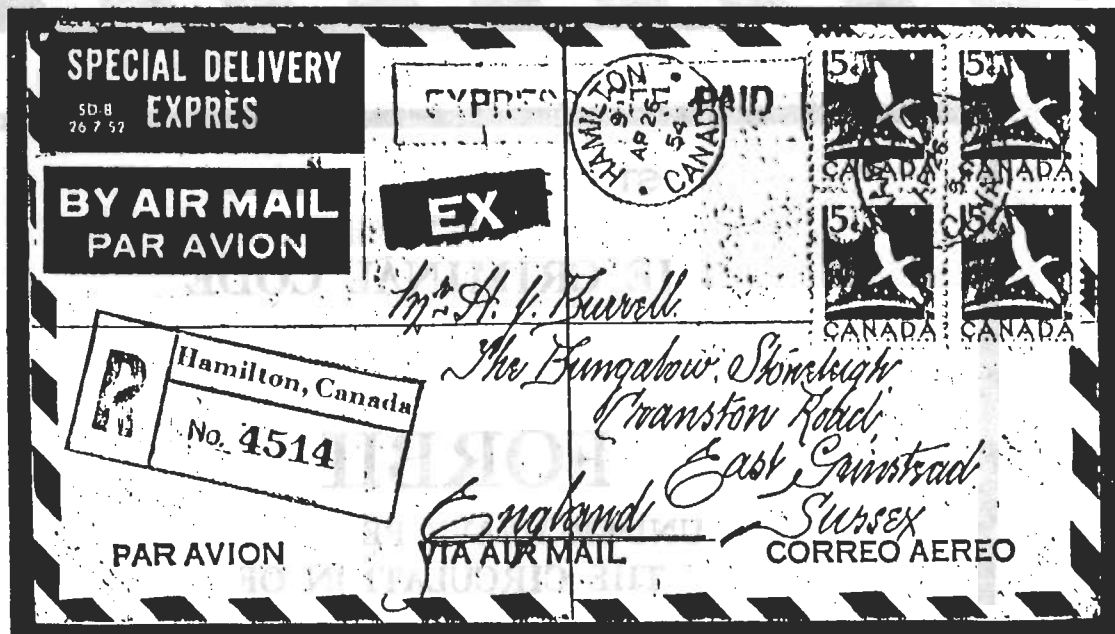
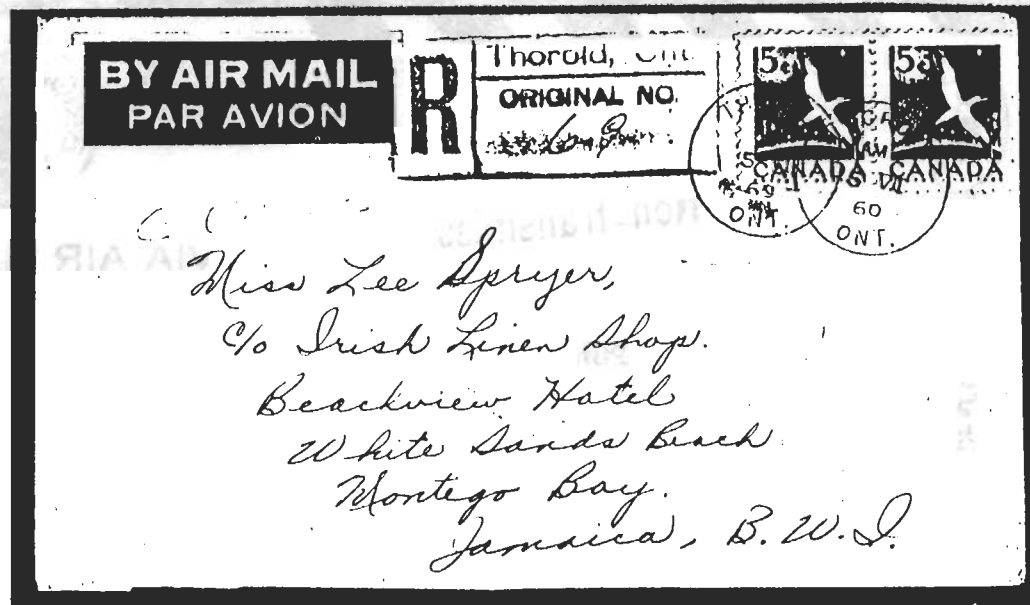
- Series at a glance
- Standard Listing
- Issue Dates
- Excellent section on the most frequent applicable postal rates for the period
(Plate #s, Control #s, Perforations, Tagging data - all shown)
- Fluorescence
- Tagging
- Pricing
- Presentation of the Karsh Issue - 41 pages
- Presentation of the Wilding Issue - 49 pages
- Presentation of the Cameo Issue - 40 pages
- Booklets
- Miniature Panes
- Perfins check list
- Fluorescence Listing
- Ribbed Paper
- Time line
- Terminology & Abbreviations defined as well as Scott/Unifrade Catalogue numbers
- Profusely illustrated throughout

Yes, these old eyes would still like to see a bit larger print. But it is not practical. If you have not yet added this latest book to your library do not put it off any longer unless you absolutely do not collect any part or area of the Elizabethan II classical period. Finally, this new volume includes a 6-page listing of new finds, catalogue number changes, and various corrections to the original five titles.

The Saskatoon Stamp Centre is the exclusive distributors for this book as well as the entire series. For further information, prices and shipping data:
Phone: (306) 931-6633 • Toll Free 1 (800) 205-8814 • Fax (306) 975-3728 or
e-mail: ssc@saskatoonstamp.com

SECTION II - CLASSICAL PERIOD - CONTINUATION - COVERS FROM WILDING
TIME PERIOD SHOWING RATES AND USAGE OFTEN SCARCE OR UNIQUE

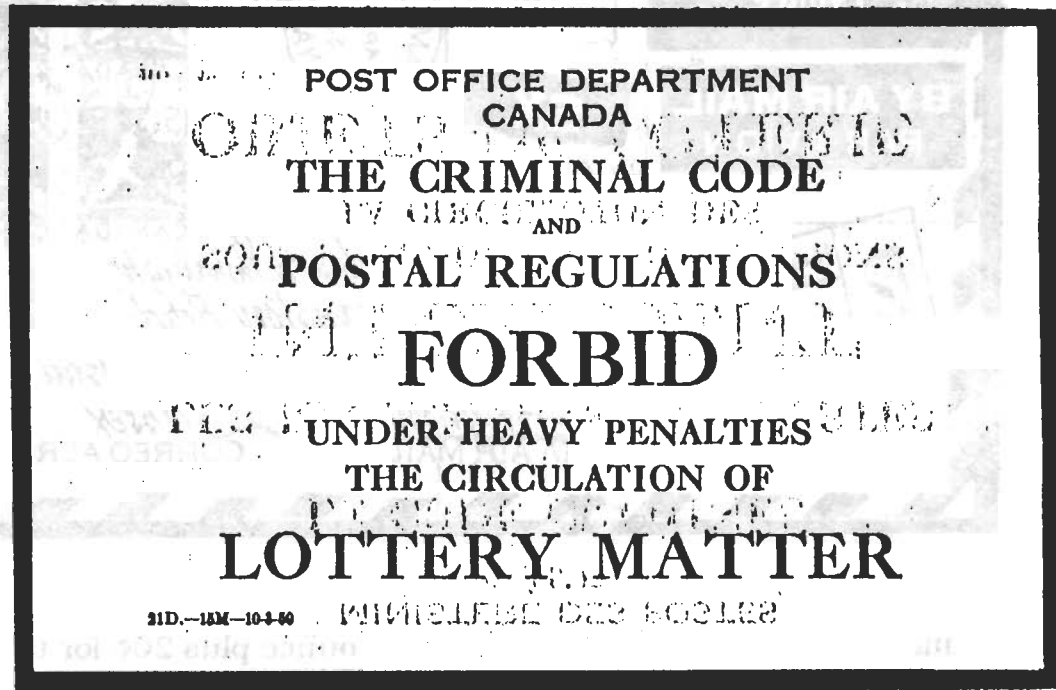
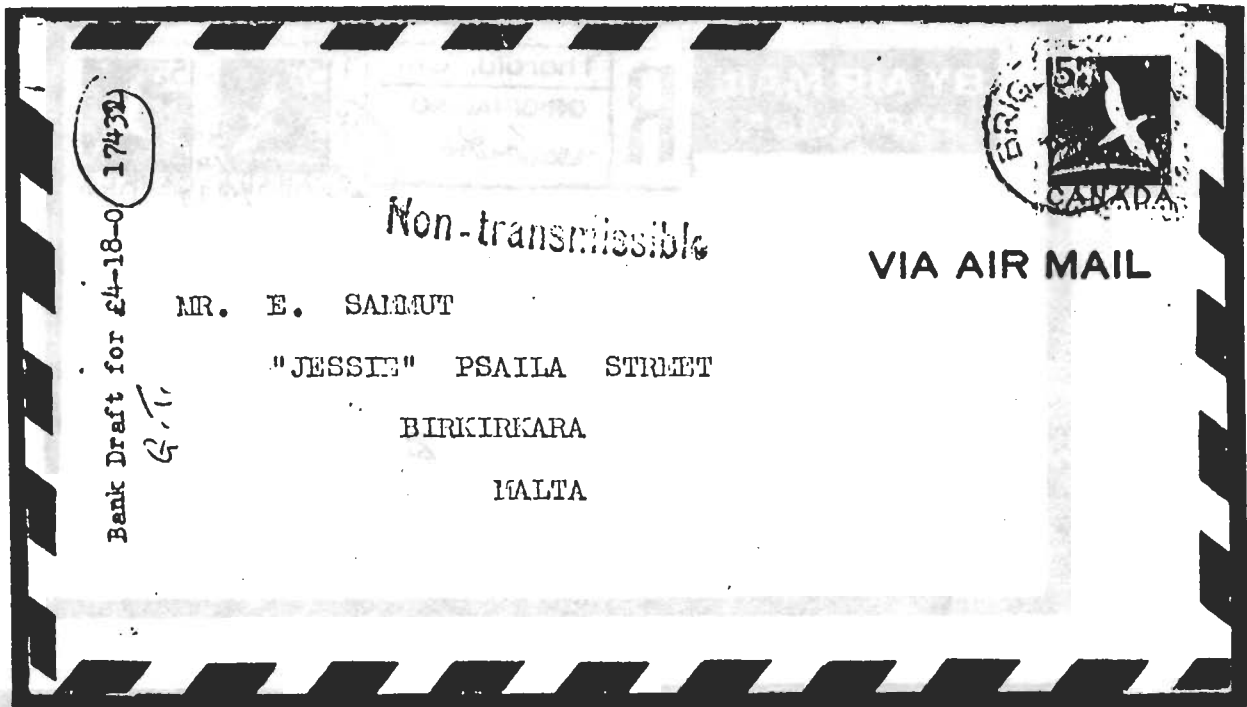
By: Harry Machum



The upper cover was mailed air mail, registered on 5 VII 60 from Thorold, Ont. The air mail rate to Jamaica was 10¢ for 1/2 ounce plus 20¢ for the registration fee = 30¢.

The lower cover was mailed AP 26 54 from Hamilton, Canada to England air mail, registered, special delivery. A double weight cover. 20¢ for registration + 10¢ for special delivery + 15¢ per 1/2 oz. X 2 = 30¢ for a total of 60¢. Note: "EXPRESS FEE PAID" - Just a dandy cover and what hand writing. Do they come any nicer?

SECTION II - WILDING PERIOD CONT



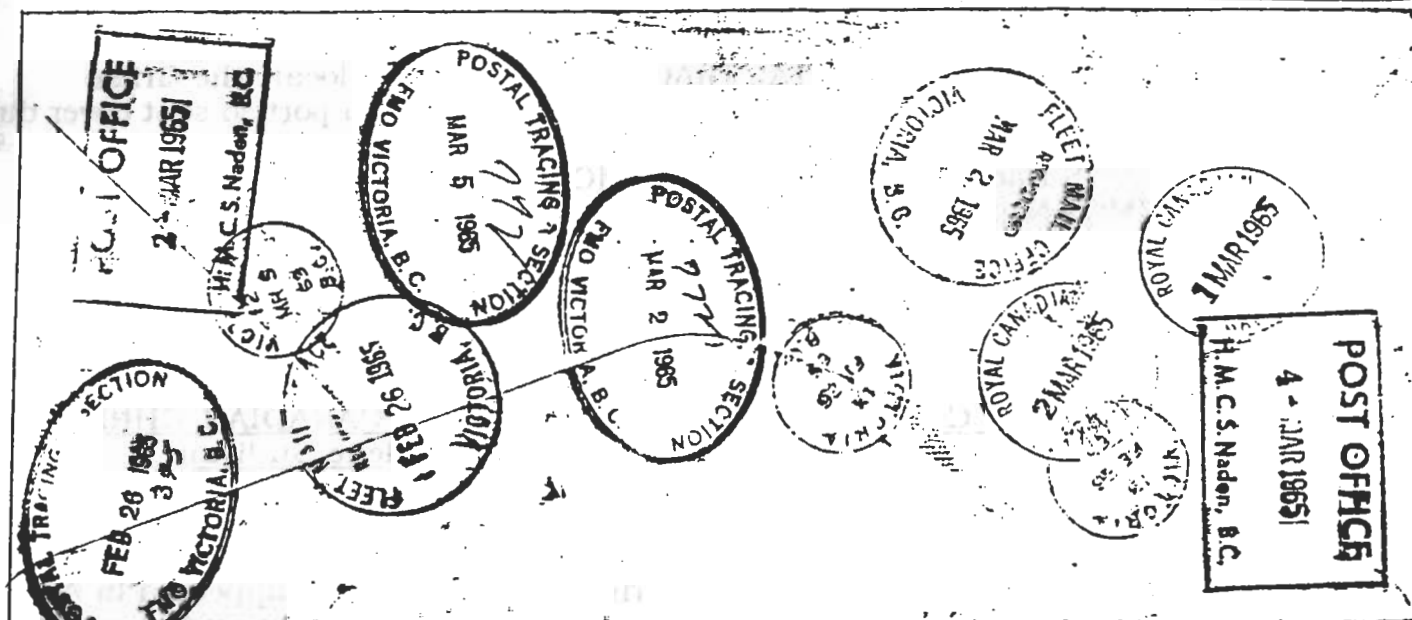
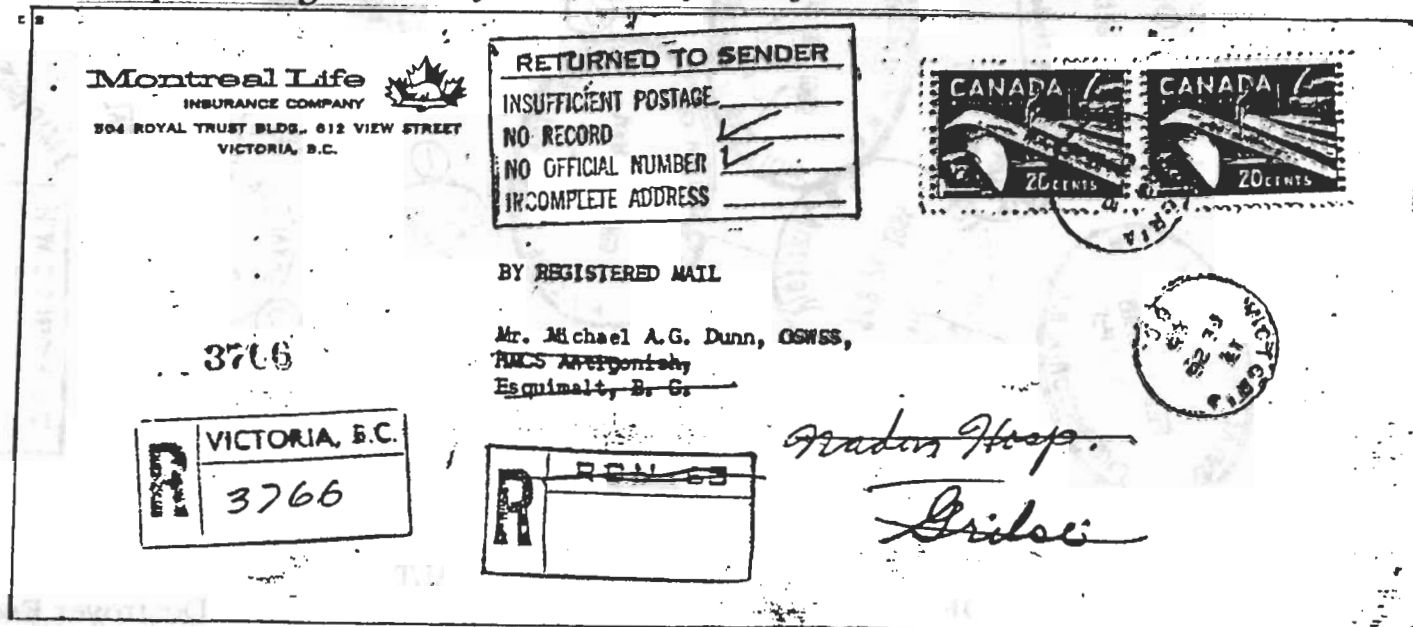
Another 15¢ Gannet cover mailed to Birkirkara, Malta - marked "Non-transmissible" and returned via the Undeliverable Mail Office. The 1/2 Oz. air mail rate to Malta was 15¢.

The card enclosed with by the UMO eliminates any doubt why this was returned.

SECTION II - CLASSICAL PERIOD - CAMEO PERIOD COVER
SPECIAL ANALYSIS - By: John Firth

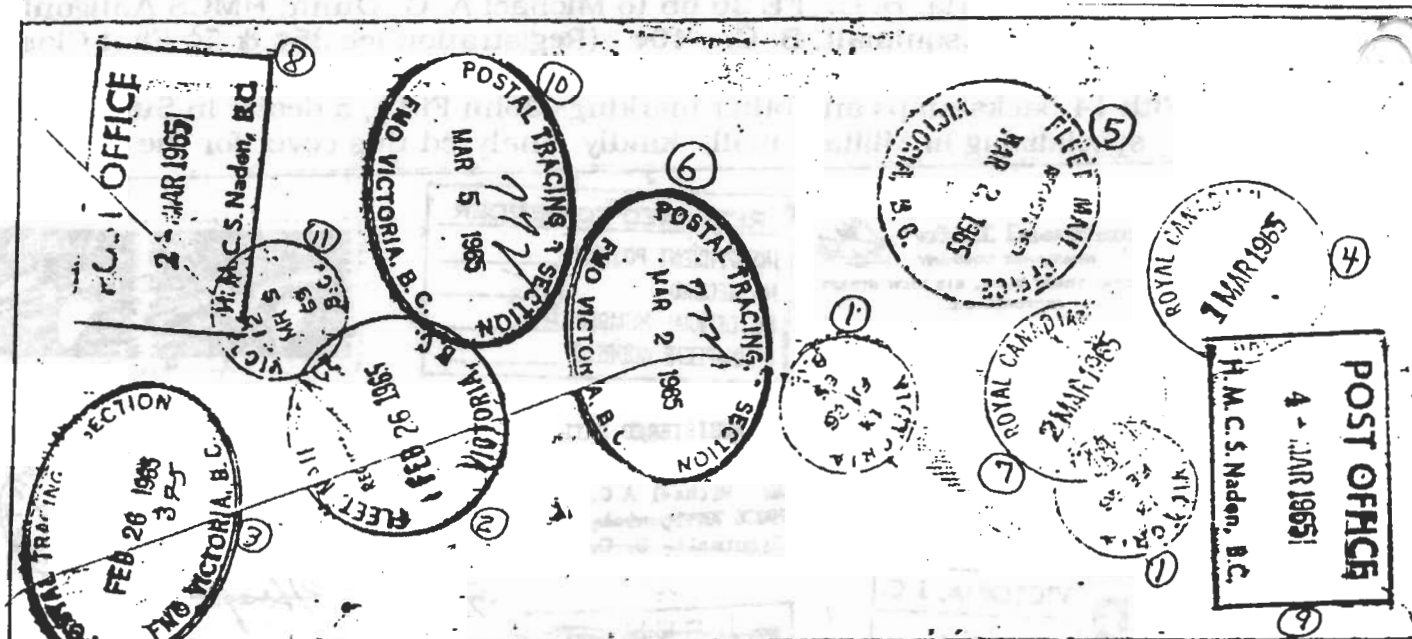
Mailed: Victoria, B. C. FE 26 65 to Michael A. G. Dunn, HMCS Antigonish,
Esquimalt, B. C. - 40¢ (Registration fee 35¢ & 5¢ First Class)

(With 14 backstamps and other markings John Firth, a dealer in Sudbury, Ont.
specializing in Military mail, kindly analyzed this cover for the Editor).



The meaning of "OSWSS" - Ordinary Seaman Wireless (Radio) Signals Service is I think the reason they could not find M.A.G. Dunn. He was probably servicing the equipment on the ships but was working out of an office in HMCS "ESQUIMALT". As long as the cover went to a ship they knew who he was and could forward it but once he left the "Grilse" no one knew him and without a number (Navy service!) he was truly lost. He probably was told to report to the hospital, but he stopped at his regular office and they changed his orders. He never showed at "Naden" and hence "no record". John says there is quite a bit of speculation here but it could well have been as described. The backstamps

SECTION II - CAMEO PERIOD COVER CON'T
are described below:



1. Originating Office
2. Fleet Mail Office -Victoria - HMCS ESQUIMALT (REN BASE)
3. FMO VICTORIA - to locate Antigonish. (Prestonian "class" Destroyer Escort)
4. HMCS Antigonish
5. FMO VICTORIA - to PTS
6. FMO VICTORIA - POSTAL TRACING SECTION - to locate the Grilse
7. HMCS Grilse (RCN Submarine) - Must have been in port so sent cover direct to Naden.
8. HMCS Naden (RCN barracks at HMCS Esquimalt)
9. HMCS Naden - no record, so sent to P. T .S.
10. FMO VICTORIA, P. T .S. - no record - R. T. S.
11. VICTORIA - Return to sender.

SECTION V - COMMEMORATIVES - COLLECT CANADIAN CHRISTMAS

By: Arlene Sullivan

On the following page Arlene is sharing her article which appeared in Australia in **STAMP NEWS** in December 1998. This is an excellent article covering a sliver of Canadian philately dealing with "Stick & Tie" and "Greet More" booklets during the period 1984 -1996. Billing herself as **The Frugal Philatelist**, Arlene has shown that quality will out everytime.

THE FRUGAL PHILATELIST

COLLECTS CANADIAN CHRISTMAS



by Arlene Sullivan

Being a frugal philatelist, I love to go to stamp shows and bourses and search through bundles of discount covers and shoeboxes of oddments. It's surprising the kinds of things you can find for a few dollars. These less expensive items point the way to some fascinating research and can be the genesis of interesting specialty collections.

Figure 1 shows a cover I bought for a dollar at my local stamp shop, just because I thought it looked interesting. Some searching in the *Untrade Catalogue* and I finally found that this cover was an example of the correct usage of 2-ST, the 1984 experimental "Stick 'n' Tie" label issued for use in mailing Christmas cards. Labels of this type were first issued in 1983 in the Winnipeg area, the idea being that a standard address system would aid the automatic sorting of heavy volumes of seasonal mail. This first "Stick 'n' Tie" label, 1-ST, is shown unused in Figure 2 as it came out of the package. Sold in packets of twelve, each label carried on its backer paper very extensive instructions for use. I suspect this may be part of the reason the experiment did not last past 1984 - it would have been very easy to make a mistake in placing the labels and filling out the postal code, which then would have led to manual processing of the envelope.

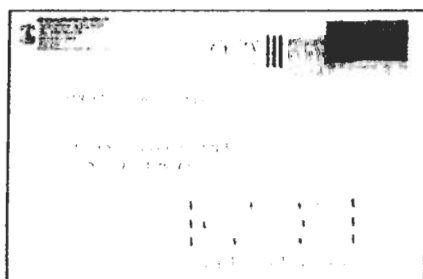


Figure 1

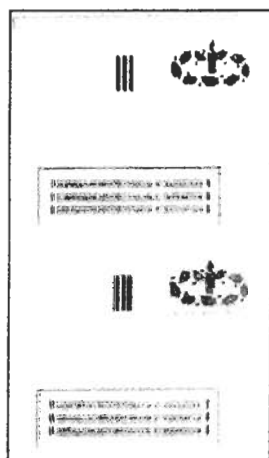


Figure 2

The Christmas season of 1986 saw the next, and this time successful, attempt at facilitating the automatic sorting of holiday greetings. Issued in booklet form, #1116b was the first Canadian stamp to incorporate barcoding. Shown in Figure 3, the stamp had an unusually wide left margin (probably to give the three black bars extra separation from the stamp design) and was to be used with a specially printed Christmas card envelope that incorporated the "Stick 'n' Tie" postal code matrix right on the face. Face value on these stamps was 29c, which was sufficient postage to mail a greeting card to any destination in Canada until January 31, 1986. After this time extra postage had to be added to make up the 34c domestic first class rate.



Figure 3

For the next ten years "Greet More" booklets of special Christmas card stamps were issued around the beginning of November. If you sent a large number of Christmas cards out every year, the 5c saving in postage on each card would add up, so it was worth searching out Christmas cards that came with envelopes printed with the postal code matrix. Figure 4 shows one of these envelopes franked with #1259, the 1989 Greet More stamp. The wide left margin of the 1986 stamp was omitted in subsequent issues, and four coding bars printed instead of three. This cover also shows that it was still easy to make a mistake with the matrix - in this case, the wrong postal code was entered and erased and the correct code penned in. While this card was processed correctly, the matrix did lend itself to error.

Falling volumes of Christmas mail contributed finally to the end of the Greet More series in 1996. Figure 5 shows the cover of the last Greet More booklet issued, along with one of the stamps. A close look at the booklet cover shows a line drawing of the special envelope used in the last year of the programme - the computer matrix for the

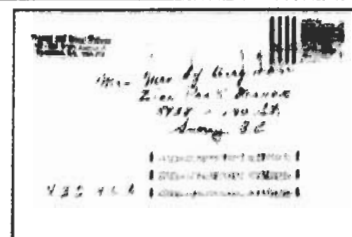


Figure 4



Figure 5

postal code had, by this time, been omitted from the covers and all that was needed was to fill in the boxes underneath the address with the postal code.

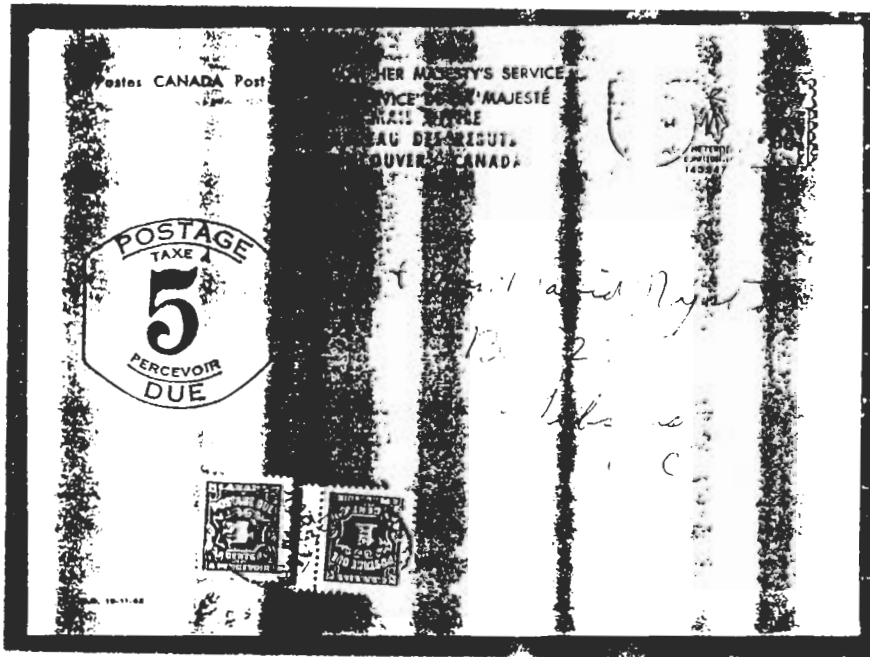
Now that the Greet More series has ended, there is an opportunity to put together a "complete collection" of these stamps on and off cover. Finding them mint and used shouldn't be too hard - these are Christmas stamps, after all, and printed in large volumes. A search of a Canada mixture or two will turn up quite a few issues, and the mint stamps sell at minimum catalogue value. The stamp booklets are also reasonable. Collecting a complete set of used on cover stamps would take a little more effort, but they do pop up in cover boxes and cheap auction lots fairly often. Adding unused and used examples of the "Stick 'n' Tie" labels can be more expensive, as covers can go for \$20 to \$30 in dealers boxes - but keep your eyes open. Not that many people know what these covers look like, and since they are modern Canada they can often be found at bargain tables. If you are looking for ST-1, make sure the cover is correctly dated with a Winnipeg, Manitoba postmark, as this was the only city where these labels were issued for use.

So check out those bargain boxes. You never know when a 50c cover will start you on a new collecting adventure!

SECTION IX - POSTAGE DUES - 5¢ UNDELIVERABLE MAIL OFFICE

ENVELOPES/COVERS - By: William Pekonen

The report on the scarce usage of a 5¢ Wilding tied to a 5¢ Undeliverable Mail Envelope shown on page 98 of the last issue prompted Bill Pekonen to send along a sampling of typical usage of these envelopes. "Because the Post Office was phasing out the use of the "J" postage dues with 1935 dates, it seems to be harder to find a cover with proper postage due stamps properly tied than one with ordinary postage stamps. Some covers had no stamps of any kind. I remember going to the Cloverdale B. C. Post Office and being told they simply were not bothering with stamps of any kind." **



Mailed Mar.10 '64

Postage Due Paid
Mar. 11 '64

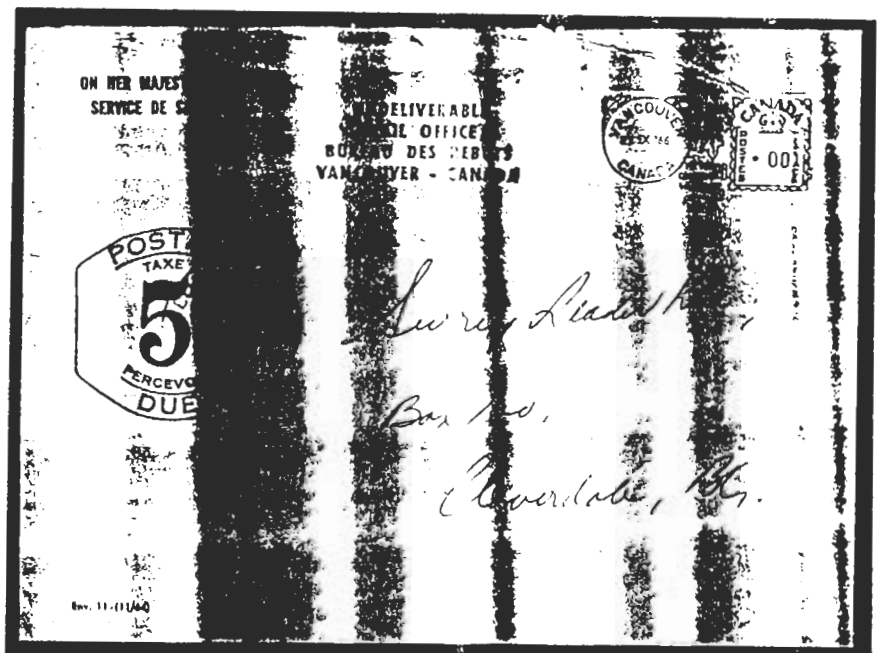
With J1511 (HB)
& J 17

Meter 23 IX 66 with
"00" to indicate no
postage paid by P. O.

No indication of
Postage Due paid on
this cover.

Covers such as this
were typically grouped
together and total was
paid in bulk by
recipient.

Due stamps were placed
on a receipt form .



SECTION IX - POSTAGE DUES CONT

5¢ Postage Due Envelope

Postage Paid Indicia Blanked out/obliterated by black ink.

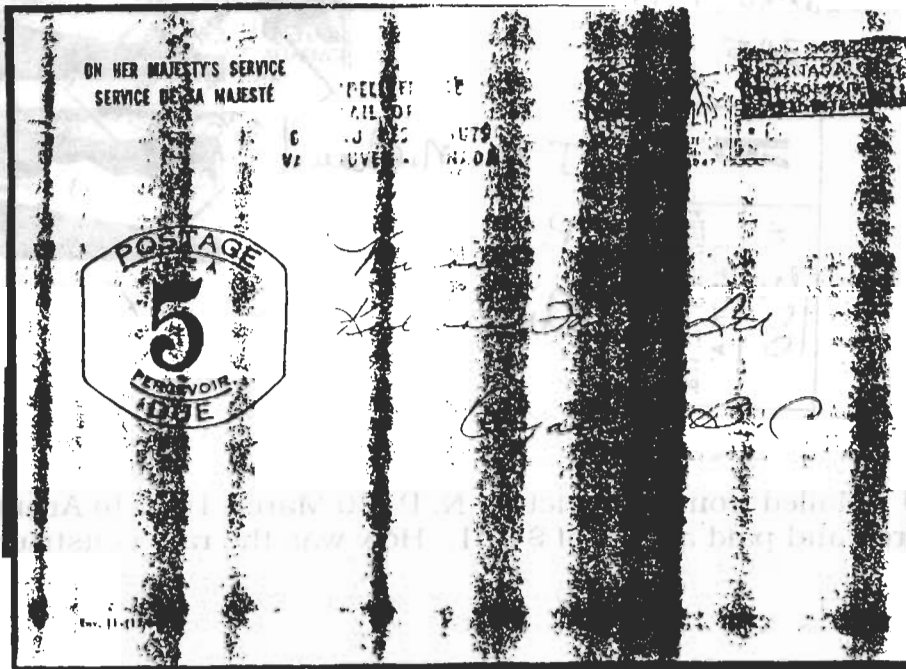
Released by Post Office "9 X '68"

"00" Postage Meter Impression - Vancouver

No Postage required on the form

(R/S Imprint withdrawn from use Dec. 31, 1967)••

No stamps to indicate postage due was paid. This was typical of the period and often no postage stamps were applied.



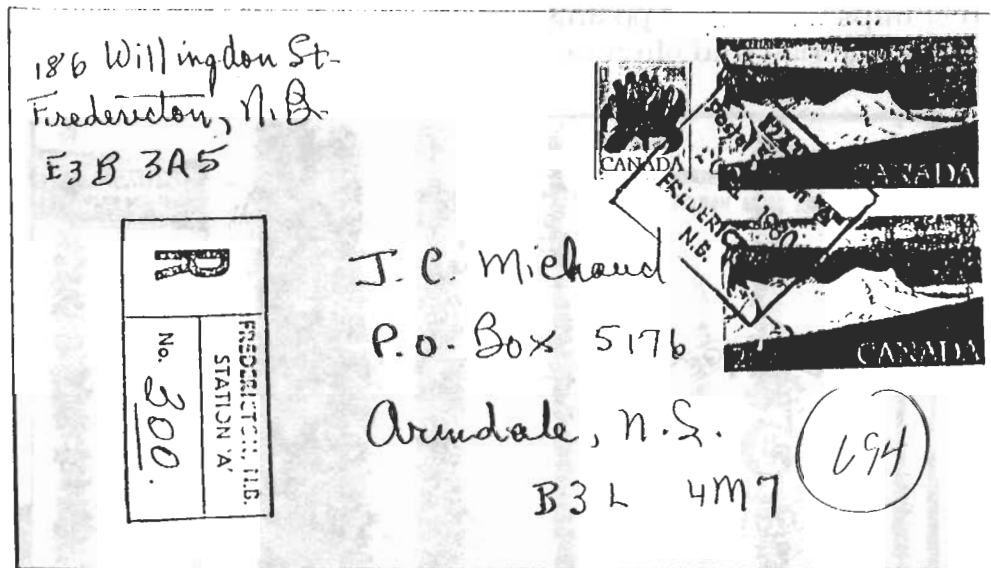
•• Editors note: As pointed out the fourth Postage Due series was being phased out. These examples are during the period leading up to the release of the first issue of the "Red Dues" on Feb. 8, 1967. Interestingly, the *Canadian Basic Catalogue: 4th Edition* by K. Bileski which was released in 1969 carries the following notation following the Red Dues listings:

"The post office policy is not to bother canceling postage due stamps. Some may still be canceled but the only difference between mint and used is the latter will lack gum."

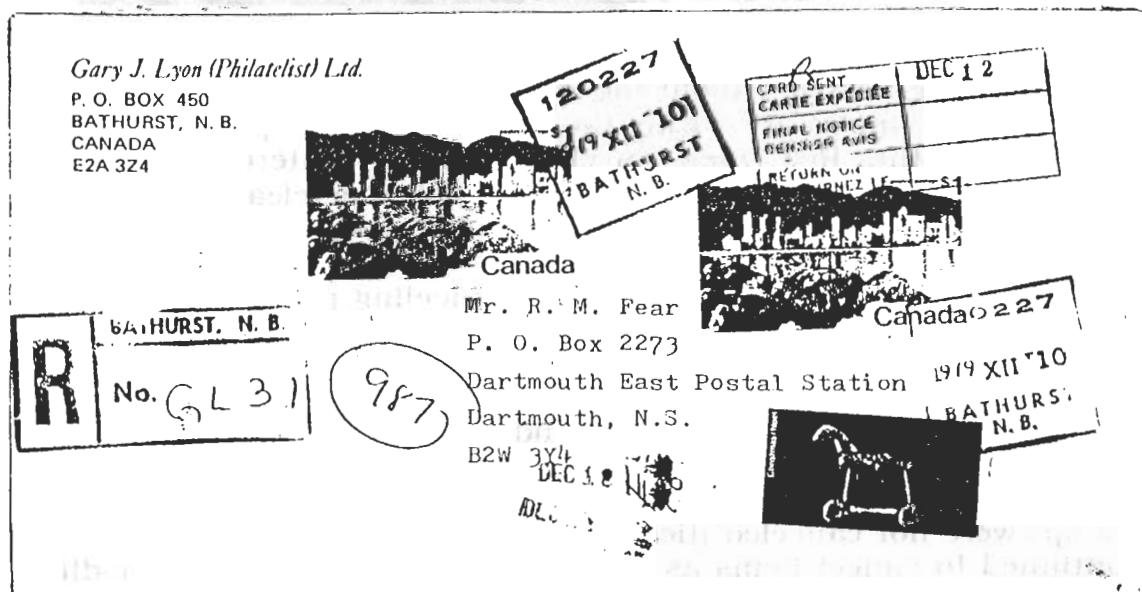
In actual practice "Red Dues" covers did continue to be canceled. The Editors experience in collecting covers and receipts, after examining approximately 300 items, is that in a little less than 25% of the items the stamps were not canceled (tied). Whether this implies most postal personnel continued to cancel items as in the past or whether some modification or moderating of the earlier policy occurred is not known. If anyone has the specific Post Office document/s on this subject the Editor would very much appreciate a photocopy.

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No correct answer was received for Covers J and K shown in the last issue. Accordingly, both covers appear again this month.



Cover J - Mailed from Fredericton, N. B. 20 March 1980 to Arundale, N. S., Registered and paid a total of \$4.01. How was the rate constructed?



Cover K - Registered from Bathurst, N. B. to Dartmouth, N. S. paying \$2.17. (The 1979 Xmas stamp is the 17¢ Wooden Horse). Mailed on 10 Dec. 1979 and has backstamps at Moncton on Dec. 10th and Halifax on Dec. 11th. No Dartmouth receiver. How was the rate determined?

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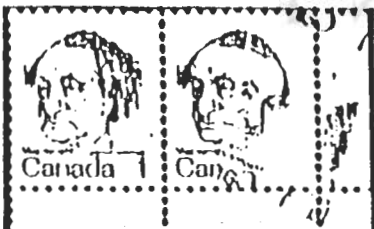
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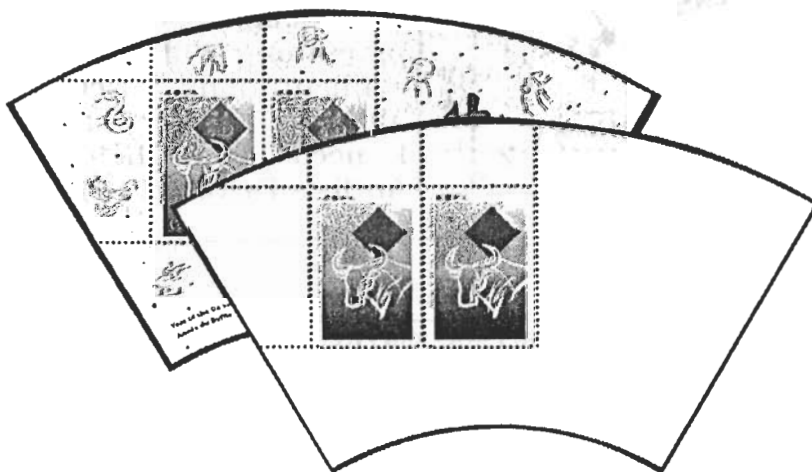
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