



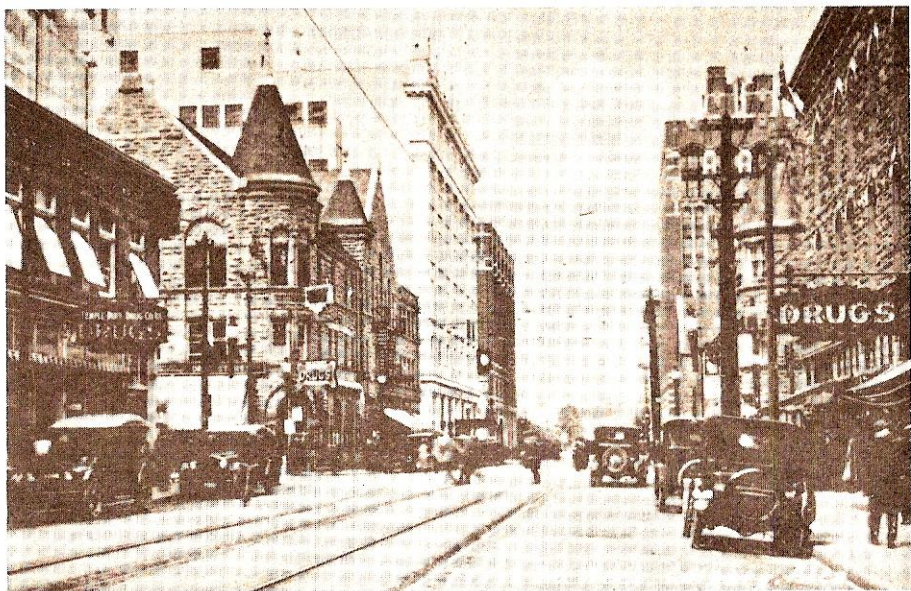
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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Ed Harris — President

Stew Kenyon, our guest speaker last meeting, travelled from Edmonton to talk to the Club about his most interesting collection of Canadian Patriotic covers and cards. Stew's talk and exhibit was very well received and we do thank you Stew, for your participation in making it a successful meeting.

Program Chairman Joe Werner tells me of another interesting program planned for the January 2nd meeting at the Library. Dr. Ross Skaken, the Club's Secretary, will talk on two things of interest to him. Ross entitles his talks *Collecting Stamps from Garbage Receptacles to Investments*, and *Is the 10¢ Franklin Lady Slipper, Plate 1, a Genuine Error?*. Ross is a Naturopathic Practitioner who immigrated to Canada in 1922 from Roumania, (Ukrainian parentage). Ross has lived in many parts of Canada, took his early schooling in Ontario and his Naturopathic and Chiropractic education in the U.S. His career has been a most interesting one, having served as President for the major societies in his field and contributor or editor for six related journals. In his spare time Ross has served as President of various service clubs, enjoys cross country skiing, dancing, lecturing, collecting first edition books, and of course, became a stamp collector. Ross started collecting at age 14, but during the war gave it up to pursue more important things. Just recently he has returned to the hobby and primarily collects Canada. We are looking forward, with interest, to his talk and to see his new Lindner Hingeless album which he purchased at CAPEX this past summer. Ross will be using an overhead projector to assist him in his talk. This should be a treat to those present and Club members are encouraged to comment on this form of presentation. If it proves satisfactory the Club could purchase one for the benefit of all future speakers.

As a treat for our April meeting, Dr. Fred Stulberg, President of the Royal Philatelic Society of Canada, and Mr. Michael Millar, Judging Programme Co-ordinator of the Royal, will be visitors at the meeting. Our Club is Chapter 66 of the Royal. Dr. Stulberg, one of Canada's foremost philatelists, should provide a most interesting programme, one that's sure to be a must for all Calgary Philatelic Society members.

Please note that the seminar for January 2nd is at 7:00 p.m., to allow trading time between the seminar and the regular business meeting at 8:30 p.m. The seminar scheduled is *Postage Stamp Design* and coverage of this subject will be attempted by yours truly.

The very best to all of you and yours in 1979.

Ed Harris

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But Maresch's isn't the only auction house getting high prices. \$10,500 was the price paid for a mint Seaway invert at Sissons November 15th auction. (A mint copy of this rarity will be offered at the Edmonton Stamp Club's April stamp show auction.) \$650 was paid in LCD's December 13th auction for a strip of four 6¢ small queens on an 1889 cover to New Zealand.

Ouch! All that money just for stamps.

NEWFOUNDLAND

FIRST REGULAR AIRMAIL SERVICE

The first regular airmail service in Newfoundland was no hurry-up affair. It started on Jan. 29, 1931, and the first flight was completed on Feb. 18, 1931, with pilot Arthur Sullivan able to take to the air on only five different days in that period. Flying a Gypsy Moth, he left St. John's on Jan. 29th, and made it to Rattling Brook via Norris Arm and Green Bay. However, due to intense cold and engine trouble, he was unable to take-off again until Feb. 8th, reaching Hampden that day to complete his first mail delivery.

The plane was grounded for a further five days until Feb. 13th, when Sullivan was airborne once again. He flew to Western Arm, returned back to Hampden for fuel, and continued on to St. Anthony at the northern tip of Newfoundland. He was unable to get aloft again until Feb. 17th, reaching Conche, Western Bay, Hampden and King's Point. The following day, via Badger and Quidi Vidi, Sullivan arrived back at St. John's.

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BIGGER THAN A POSTAGE STAMP

by Mike Anderman

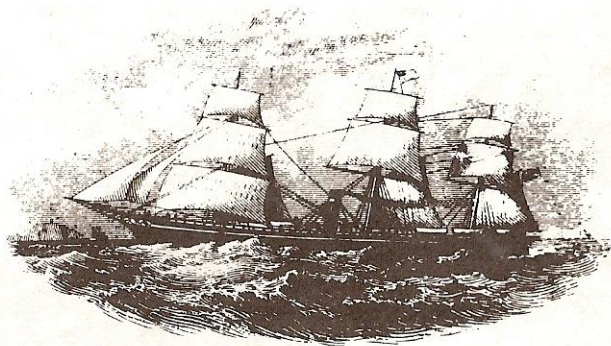
The Minimum Address

If you have many nineteenth century covers or cards, you'll probably have some with no more directions for delivery than the name of the recipient and the word 'city'. No street address, post office box #, zip or postal code. Illustrated is one item on which so to speak the address has been reduced to the bare minimum. All that was given was the name of the firm that was to receive the card. As other correspondence to them indicates, the St. Croix Soap Co. was located in St. Stephen, N. B., the city where the card was postmarked, so undoubtedly it got delivered. This card is just a little different and is one of my favorites.

POSTAL ACCLAIM - ?

Back in 1931, the Canadian Post Office was taking bows for operating the "speediest mail transport ever achieved in Canada". The service, which drew press notices in newspapers throughout the world, was reported to "Leave Winnipeg 9:00 a.m. one day and arrive at Montreal 8:00 a.m. the next day. It is part of the Winnipeg to St. Paul loop which covers 1000 miles of wilderness to the settled parts of Ontario".

Today, some 47 years later, one ponders the value and service of the mail system we now have, knowing very well the next postal disruption or strike is probably just around the corner. To add to this we have modern jets, convenient ground transportation, automated postal sorting equipment, and the postal code! Will postal service ever be the same?



CANADA POST CARD

THE ADDRESS TO BE WRITTEN ON THIS SIDE.



St. Louis Loop Co



WORLD WAR I GERMAN NEW GUINEA CANCELS

by John R. Buchko

Since the Australian occupation of the German Pacific wireless stations at Bita Paka (German New Guinea), Nauru and Marshall Islands was to be brief (until the imminent arrival of the Japanese Navy) few, if any, contingency plans were included. As a result, when the duration of the occupation of New Guinea was indefinitely extended, members of the forces were caught unawares. In particular, no provisions were made for the supply of postal equipment and services.

The only stamps on hand were those brought by the force (perf. O.S.) or captured stocks of German New Guinea issues not destroyed by the local officials. Initial cancelling devices at Rabaul were provisionally prepared from toy printing sets. Examples of these are often crude and faint (Fig. 1). Use of these cancellers persisted long after introduction of the first 'permanent' one on January 4, 1915. Figure 2 shows a 'Rabaul' marker made from a mutilated German rubber handstamp. It was struck on mail during December, 1915 — probably used for the Christmas rush of mail destined for Australia.



Rabaul

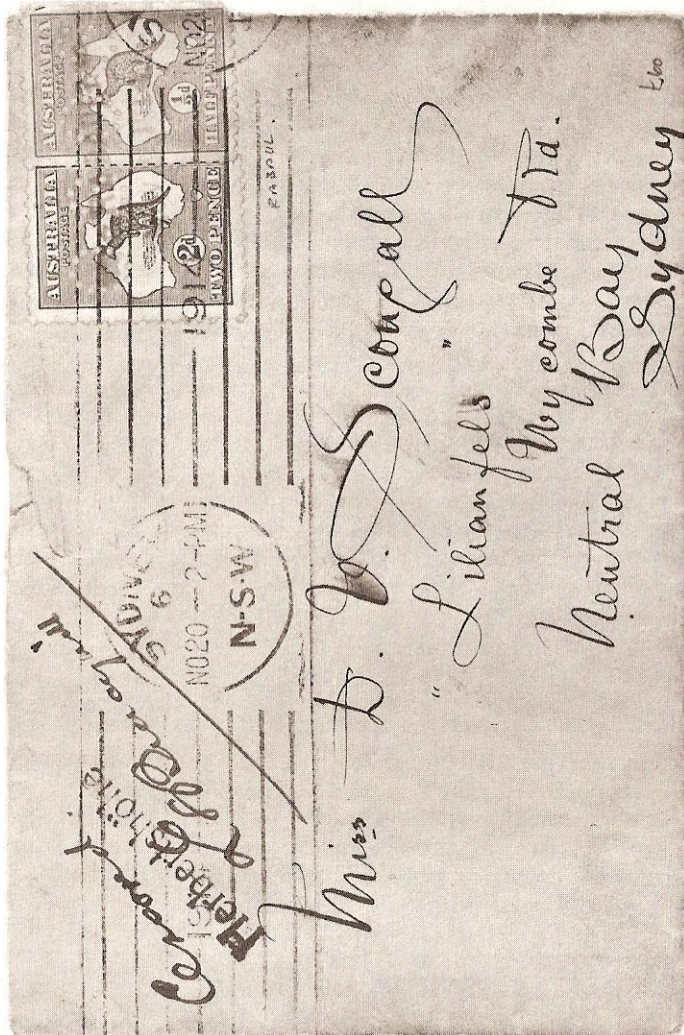


Figure 2

An exotic type of marker in use at Rabaul for an indeterminate length of time can be seen in Figure 3. The large, indistinct black circle in the centre of the strip is the Stephansort wax mailbag seal. After the Stephansort post office closed on June 30, 1914, its equipment was transferred to Rabaul and later captured by the Australians. The device had been formerly used to officially seal mailbags. The poor impression results from the recessed lettering and designs. The strip also has a partial strike of the Stephansort wax mailbag cds. Only one other strike of the wax seal is known; it's a blue impression on a G.R.I. postcard.



Figure 3



The Herbertshohe censor marking was later employed as a provisional canceller at Herbertshohe.

→☆☆RABAUL☆←

NOV 2 1914*

Figure 1

Numerous out-stations utilized captured German handstamps and other government paraphernalia to mark and/or date outgoing mail. Due to the unforeseen, prolonged occupation, the colony was in chaos. More important matters were placed before those pertaining to the operation of the postal system. Postmasters of outlying and isolated stations (usually the senior officer of the garrison) employed the most expedient method of marking outward mail — the use of altered German obliterations. One such device was the captured District Court rubber stamp from Friedrich Wilhelmshafen (Fig. 4). The words 'Kaiserliche Bezirksgericht' (Imperial District Court) and the central eagle design were scored prior to use. Concurrently with two other markers, this obliterator was used from September, 1914 until early 1915.



Figure 4

These provisional markers/obliterations are indicative of the unsettled conditions prevalent in New Guinea during the takeover period. They had to be hastily prepared in order to meet the immediate need to cancel force's mail bound for Australia; thus, strikes are often crude, faint and/or illegible. Proper datestamps were introduced after July, 1915 — almost ten months from the initial date of occupation.

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STAMP POPULARITY POLL

Red Deer Advocate

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Members of the Calgary Philatelic Society have been invited to take part, and to facilitate entry the ballot printed in this issue of the club bulletin may be used to register your choices. Fill it out and bring it to the January meeting. It will then be forwarded to Mr. Sheedy.

Rather than vote separately on each of the 28 commemorative stamps issued in 1978, collectors are asked to cast their votes for groups or sets. The largest group is the six stamps issued for the Commonwealth Games, single stamps were issued for the Falcon, CNE and Marie d'Youville. There are 10 groups, and to be eligible an entry must list all 10 in order of choice.

In addition to having a chance at the prizes, which will be of a philatelic nature, it will be interesting for club members to find out how the views and choices of Calgarians compare with those of other entries in the Advocate's poll.

1978 Advocate Stamp Popularity Poll

Use this ballot or a plain sheet of paper to indicate your preference for the stamp or group of stamps issued in Canada during 1978. Place the figures 1 to 10 in the order of choice in the square opposite each stamp or group. To be valid, each ballot must reflect 10 choices. Please, only one entry per individual.

- ☐ Falcon (1)
- ☐ Commonwealth Games (6)
- ☐ Captain Cook (2)
- ☐ Resources (2)
- ☐ CAPEX (4)
- ☐ C.N.E. (1)
- ☐ d'Youville (1)
- ☐ Christmas (3)
- ☐ Inuit art (4)
- ☐ Sailing vessels (4)

(numbers in brackets indicate
number of stamps in group)

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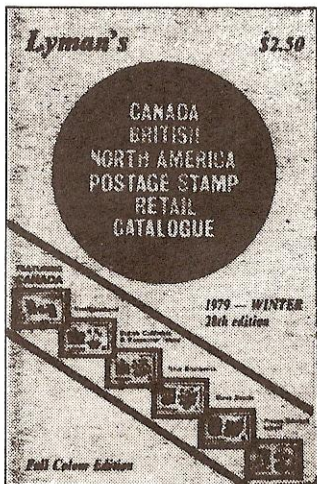


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THE ROYAL PHILATELIC SOCIETY OF CANADA

by Ed Harris



History of "The Royal"

The Society traces its beginning to the year 1887 when the Canadian Philatelic Association was formed with the first election of officers taking place in September 1888. After a period of inactivity in the early part of the century it was reactivated in 1921 and the annual meeting in 1922, the now philatelically famous Mr. Fred Jarrett was elected president. In 1923 the name was changed to The Canadian Philatelic Society and membership was offered to collectors around the world. The Society was incorporated in 1926.

During the war and post-war periods the growth of the Society continued until during the presidency of Dr. G.M. Geldert. The Society was accorded the honour of using the word Royal in its title and is now known as the Royal Philatelic Society of Canada.

Chapters

Situated in communities from the Maritimes to British Columbia, there are more than 100 stamp clubs or philatelic societies which are chapters of the Royal Philatelic Society of Canada. Calgary Philatelic Society is Chapter 66.

Conventions and Exhibitions

An annual convention is held in one of the provinces of Canada at which seminars are conducted on various topics relating to stamp collecting. Reports of the Society's activities are presented at the annual meeting and there is an opportunity for renewing social contacts at the annual banquet. Always an attraction is the dealers' bourse and the R.P.S.C. Sales Circuit books. Many successful exhibitions have been held as a part of each annual convention. In recent years conventions were held in many major Canadian cities. Future conventions are scheduled for many provinces. Details in The Canadian Philatelist. In 1978 the R.P.S.C. sponsored CAPEX, the successful international exhibition at Toronto.

The Society Journal

Members receive the Society's magazine *The Canadian Philatelist*, which is published six times a year. In regular publication since 1950, *The Canadian Philatelist* includes informative and specialized articles on Canadian, Commonwealth and Foreign philately in addition to its regular features which are of interest to all collectors in Canada itself or to collectors of Canada elsewhere.

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The facilities of the Sales Department are available to members who wish to buy stamps for their collections or to sell their duplicates. More than 11,000 exchange books are circulated each year to individual members or to Chapters.

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As a service to Calgary Philatelic Society members, we will feature a philatelic society, stamp club or specialist group in future issues of the *CALGARY STAMPede*. It will allow members to become aware of what advantages are provided by membership in the various groups. Membership application forms and copies of the Club Prospectus, Bulletin, or Journal will be made available to interested members.

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