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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Ed Harris - President

Philately can be said to be 'The king of hobbies and the hobby of kings.' One facet which I feel contributes greatly to this adage is the freedom of choice. Most collectors can readily think of a dozen different types of collections to form and imaginative generalists can literally list a hundred. But whatever you wish to collect, it can be absorbing and fun, you cannot be legitimately criticized for your choice and someone else somewhere is bound to be your ally. This message was behind Sid Richardson's talk to the club last meeting when he very kindly filled in for Phil Wolf who was out of town. Sid showed pages from his fine thematic collection of flowers on stamps. He has other top notch collections of Canada, Great Britain and France and recently branched into flowers as it seemed to tie in with another hobby of his - gardening. Thank you, Sid, for an entertaining and informative talk.

As we have been promised, program chairman Joe Werner has arranged a tour of the Calgary Mail Processing Plant for Tuesday, March 6th. The plant is located at 1100 - 49th Avenue N.E. The tour is limited to 40 and we ask that you phone Joe at 282-1377 to confirm your attendance. Assemble at the main entrance at 7 pm. Those who do not wish to go on the tour can peruse circuit books, private treaty books and the wall auction as usual at the Main Library. Following the tour, at 8 pm members from the tour can go to the library and join the others for the balance of the evening. Don't forget to phone.

Our seminar program seems to have support from the members and attendance at the early start time of 7 pm is good. Don Fraser conducted an interesting seminar on watermarks last time and a number of questions, some still unanswered, were raised. The seminar program still suffers from the lack of a chairman.

The program in April will be handled by Dr. Fred Stulberg and Michael Miller of the R.P.S.C. Our regular meeting format will resume in May.

CALTAPEX '79 is getting closer and members are busily preparing exhibits and auction lots. Our speaker this year will be ex-Calgarian Alex Price now residing in Vancouver. Alex combines his interests of C P Railway history and philately to come up with a most interesting collection. He'll tell us all about it at the annual banquet.

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'BIG NEWS'

Big news among Canadian stamp collectors (and also those in other parts of the world) back in 1893 had nothing to do with the collecting of stamps.

It was a case of murder.

John R. Hooper, a Canadian post office employee at Ottawa who wrote articles for several international philatelic journals under the pen name of 'Canadensis', was charged with poisoning his wife while they were travelling from Kingston, Ont. to St Ambrose de Kildare, Que.

Mrs. Hooper had been in an insane asylum for several years and Hooper was moving her to another similar place when the murder was alleged to have been committed. Hooper denied the charge, was released into custody of his father, and although there were sensational reports of 'another women' and 'untraceable poisons', it is understood that he was finally acquitted.

BIGGER THAN A POSTAGE STAMP

by Mike Anderman

The Canadian West

Illustrated here are a couple of post cards relating to the Canadian West.

The first is the 1¢ carmine business post card used in October, 1898. Added to this card is advertising for *The Making Of The Canadian West*, a book published in 1898. This book consists of the reminiscences of an 'eye-witness'. It has been reprinted in paperback in Coles Canadiana Collection and should be available from most Coles book stores. It is fairly good reading. The book was originally published by William Briggs in his capacity as Book Steward of the Methodist Book And Publishing House. This publishing house eventually became the Ryerson Press.

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The other post card is a picture post card sent to England in 1905 at the 2¢ post card rate. Unlike most picture post cards you find, the message on it is lengthy. The card is from an immigrant from England who had recently arrived in Portage La Prairie. The message is interesting and has been copied out to make it easier to read.

Portage La Prairie
Manitoba

Canada & / 05
May 9

CANADIAN

SOUVENIR POSTCARD.



Address to be written here

Dear Joe,
We have been here nearly a fortnight now, after a very pleasant journey from England. For inland this space may be used. This is a nice little town & communication. I hope we shall settle here for some time. Excepting farm work there is little demand for labour here. So I consider myself fortunate to have secured an engagement in a big general store in the town to take charge of the gasoline engine & electrical lighting. I take over my duties a week next Monday & in the meantime am being instructed in the work I shall have to do. I am (through his endeavours on my behalf) succeeding a friend of ours, Mr. Hemingway, late of Askern, who came out last year & is moving up west in about a fortnight from now to take up land. You will understand I cannot write to all friends at length so that my earlier letters from Canada must be taken as general communications to be passed from friend to friend. I believe we shall do well here. When the time is ripe for the undertaking, I shall follow Hemingway's example & get on the land. I hope to gain experience as I go along. For a time, however, the job I have waiting will suit us better than the severe work of farm labour. I recommend you to my brother Willie & W. Herring for more detailed news. Write soon. Give our kindest regards to your mother & Horrie, also to Harry S. We are all first class ourselves. With every good wish, C. H.

Mr. J. P. C. Westwood
Graystone Cottage
Storforth
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Portage La Prairie
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May 9th/05

Dear Joe

We have been here nearly a fortnight now after a very pleasant journey from England. This is a real nice town & I hope we shall settle here for some time. Excepting farm work there is little demand for labour here. So I consider myself fortunate to have secured an engagement in a big general store in the town to take charge of the gasoline engine & electrical lighting. I take over my duties a week next Monday & in the meantime am being instructed in the work I shall have to do. I am (through his endeavours on my behalf) succeeding a friend of ours, Mr. Hemingway, late of Askern, who came out last year & is moving up west in about a fortnight from now to take up land. You will understand I cannot write to all friends at length so that my earlier letters from Canada must be taken as general communications to be passed from friend to friend. I believe we shall do well here. When the time is right for the undertaking, I shall follow Hemingway's example & get on the land. I hope to gain experience as I go along. For a time, however, the job I have waiting will suit us better than the severe work of farm labour. I recommend you to my brother Willie & W. Herring for more detailed news. Write soon. Give our kindest regards to your mother, Lottie & Horrie, also Harry S. We are all first class ourselves. With every good wish.

1979 STAMP PROGRAM

Canada Post has announced it will issue 34 commemoratives and 5 definitives in 1979.

The Post Office will continue three stamp series from previous years and launch a new one. The Endangered Wildlife series will be continued with the release of two stamps on April 10th; the series featuring Canadian authors will see the addition of a pair of stamps honouring Emile Nelligan and Frederick Grove; and four more stamps will be issued in the Inuit series. A new transportation series will depict famous Canadian aircraft, a follow-up to the ships stamps series which was concluded in 1978.

One of the highlights will be the release on June 15th of a miniature sheet of 12 stamps featuring the provincial and territorial flags of Canada.

The entire program is subject to revision, and more details will be announced six weeks prior to the individual dates of issue.

STAMP PROGRAM AS ANNOUNCED BY CANADA POST

January 24	High-value Definitives/Fundy National Park	\$1
February 1	Quebec Winter Carnival	14¢
March 8	Low-value Definitives/Queen Elizabeth II Houses of Parliament; Tree	17¢ 17¢ 35¢
April 10	Endangered Wildlife/Turtle	17¢
	Endangered Wildlife/Whale	35¢
April 27	Postal Code	2x17¢
	High-value Definitive/Kluane National Park	\$2
May 3	Authors/Emile Nelligan	17¢
	Authors/Frederick Philip Grove	17¢
May 11	Colonel John By	17¢
	Colonel Charles-Michel de Salaberry	17¢
June 15	Provincial and Territorial Flags—Miniature Sheet	12x17¢
August 16	Women's Field Hockey World Championships Canoe-Kayak (Slalom and Wild Water) World Championships	17¢ 17¢
September 13	Inuit — Shelter	4x17¢
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In addition, the contractor was authorized to use the original plates to make such reprints as the Company might require to meet the demands of stamp dealers and collectors.

The affected issues are said to be: Ecuador 1892-96; Honduras 1890-95; Nicaragua 1890-99; and Salvador 1890-99. These are known as the 'Seebeck' issues and/or reprints.

BORGNINE AND ESTATE AUCTION HIGHLIGHT EDMONTON SHOW

Plans for the Edmonton Stamp Club Spring Show to be held April 7 & 8 at the Chateau Lacombe Hotel were announced today by Club President Keith R. Spencer.

A show highlight is the expected attendance of well known Hollywood actor and collector, Ernest Borgnine. Mr. Borgnine will address the Saturday evening banquet and will participate in other activities during the two day show.

A second feature will be an outstanding public auction sale consisting of over 600 lots of material from the Myers estate. Strong in Canada, Great Britain, British Commonwealth, Australia and United States stamps, the sale is expected to realize well over \$50,000.00. Major items include a mint copy of the famous Seaway Invert and an outstanding display of imperforate material, with strength in the 1928 issues, including large multiples of the Bluenose and Parliament issues.

Auction catalogues may be obtained from the Edmonton Stamp Club, Box 399, Edmonton, Alberta, T5J 2J6 for 50¢ cash or stamps.

Noted artist Vivien Thierfelder has designed another attractive show cover featuring an early Alberta Tar Sands scene. Covers will be serviced with the oil sands stamp and cancelled at Fort McMurray, center of the oil boom activity. Covers are available from the Club at two for \$1.00.

A major exhibition is also being held and Dr. Fred Stulberg, President of the Royal Philatelic Society of Canada, will serve as Chairman of the judges and will also host a seminar on judging. Collectors desiring to exhibit should write Rick Parama, Chairman, Box 399, Edmonton.

A large international bourse from across Canada and the United States will provide an opportunity to buy and sell a world of stamps. Bourse hours are 9 am to 6 pm daily and heavy dealer demand has created a virtual sell-out of dealer space.

The Edmonton Stamp Club, formed in 1912, is Canada's largest and most active stamp club, with over 500 friendly members. All collectors are invited to participate in the great number of activities set for the weekend.

Show and Club information, auction catalogues, exhibition prospecti and Show covers are available from the Club, Box 399, Edmonton, Alberta T5J 2J6.

See You There

DEALER / AUCTION NEWS

R. Maresch & Son of Toronto will hold auctions on March 22nd & 23rd. Featured will be the exceptional collection of Canadian Edward material formed by Ed Richardson and an extensive collection of historic Canadian literature.

Stamp collectors visiting Edmonton should note that two of that city's stamp shops have moved. **North Gate Stamp Shop** is now located in the Phillips Building at 10169-104th Street (5th floor). **Two Tower Stamps** has moved to the Kresge Building at 10135-101st Street (#205 upstairs). Gendy Stamp Co. and Two Tower Stamps are now sharing this location as separate companies under the collective name of **Edmonton Stamp Center**.

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CANADIAN MILITARY MAIL STUDY GROUP

The cancellations shown here are but a few of the hundreds recorded by the Canadian Military Mail Study Group. The roles of the military camps featured were true on the dates shown in the cancels. 'Open' and 'close' dates refer to the life span of the post offices at the various camps.

In September '73, during the British North America Philatelic Society (BNAPS) convention in Calgary, the CMMSG was formed and at this time some 40 collectors have joined. Membership is restricted to those who are paid-up in BNAPS.

The Group's purpose is to record all postmarks used by Canadian servicemen anywhere in the world, the period 1900 to present providing ample scope in time.

Considerable work has been done on military mail by many collector/writers since the start of World War Two, but much remains to be researched for collectors of the present and the future.

The CMMSG is making a contribution to this end and readers who are BNAPS members, or plan on joining, and would like to know more on military mail should write the Group's Treasurer, K.V. Ellison, Oyama, B.C., V0H 1W0, for a sample of the Group's Newsletter.



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A LITTLE BIT DIFFERENT

Some of the most attractive stamps ever issued by Canada are the 1897 Tobacco Stamps. Illustrated is an example of this series. The engraving is intricate and attractive. The details of the elaborate designs are different on each value. The example illustrated is from the edge of a sheet and was cut so as to show the plate number.



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