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Michael Sefi
Keeper of the Royal Philatelic Collection

Michael Sefi will be bringing The Queen's Exhibit with him to Royal 2006 Royale at Calgary on the weekend of September 29 to October 1. It will be the first time that pages from the Royal Philatelic Collection have been shown in western Canada.

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NEXT UP: SOMEONE DECIDES TO TRADEMARK ENVELOPES
by Dale Speirs

Lawyers were running amok this year in the USA, when a company called International Stamp Art Inc. sued the U.S. Postal Service, claiming it had the trademark to show stamp perforations. ISA had been given a trademark in 1994 for images depicting perforations around stamps. One wonders why the trademark office allowed it. The case went to the U.S. District Court in Atlanta in 2005, and the judge ruled in favour of the USPS. ISA appealed the judgement, and it went to the U.S. Court of Appeals Eleventh Circuit, who upheld the lower court decision on July 18, 2006 (court docket #05-13492). So now stamp magazine editors everywhere can breathe a sigh of relief.

ISA is a greeting-card company which sells cards with pictures of American postage stamps. The actual stamp images are themselves copyrighted (not trademarked, which is a different form of intellectual property) by the USPS and were used as part of a deal between the two antagonists. When the USPS later issued its own cards showing stamp designs with perforations, the ISA claimed infringement. The court held that while the ISA trademark was valid for greeting cards against others, the USPS had the right to depict its products in their entirety. The Appeals Court stated that the "fair use" clause of intellectual property laws took precedence over the trademark. The USPS had used the depiction of perforations other than as a mark, and in good faith.

A DEDICATED STAMP COLLECTOR

The newspaper reporter and author H. Allen Smith wrote in his 1943 book LIFE IN A PUTTY KNIFE FACTORY about a visit he made to a corset manufacturer:

"Near me was a young man working at a wooden table. ... I stood and watched him for a while and then I noticed what he was cutting. He was turning out the upper parts of corsets, bust pockets as I later learned they were called. ... "What do you think about all day while you're cutting these things" I asked him. "Oh", he said, "lotsa things. Mostly about stamps. I'm a stamp collector."



Pierre Leduc was born in Valleyfield, Quebec, in 1957, and currently resides in the Quebec City area. He graduated in 1984 from the University of Quebec at Trois-Rivieres with a B.Sc. in Biology. His career since then has been that of a scientific illustrator and wildlife painter.

Of interest to philatelists are his numerous postage and conservation stamps (he has also designed coins for the Royal Canadian Mint). He appears at the Royal 2006 Royale by courtesy

of R.D. Miner Philatelics, and will be signing at their booth during the show. He will also be bringing along original artwork for display. A brief checklist of his stamp designs are as listed below.

Pierre can be contacted at 485 Langelier Studio #306, Quebec, Quebec G1K 5P3. His Website is: www.natureartists.com/leducp.htm

Checklist of Pierre Leduc stamps.

Conservation stamps.

1990, 1991, 2005 -	Quebec Wildlife Foundation
1995, 2002, 2006 -	Wildlife Habitat Canada
1997 -	Newfoundland-Labrador Conservation Fund

Postage Stamps.

"Birds of Canada" series (32 stamps)
\$1 Atlantic Walrus
Duck decoys (4 stamps)

Postal Stationery.

"Birds of Canada" series (12 pre-stamped envelopes and 3 international aerogrammes)



by Leanteri Polvikoski

Postcards: Cartoline d'Artista (2005, trade paperback, 206 pages), edited by Vittore Baroni. (Available from him for Euro15 or US\$18 cash; send to Vittore Baroni, Via C. Battisti 339, 55049 Viareggio, Italy) This is the third volume of a history of mail art; the first two dealt with rubber stamping and artistamps (what philatelists call cinderellas). Bilingual in Italian and English, and very well produced. This volume surveys the progress of mail art postcards, with numerous illustrations. The most famous mail art postcard was the 1965 "Postman's Choice" by Ben Vautier, which had two different addressees, one on each side, and left it up to the postal sorter to decide which address to send it to. Various authors in this anthology discuss the different fads and types of mail art postcards, ranging from one-of-a-kind to mass-produced, from incoherent to political protest, and from photographic to hand-drawn. A good survey of the postal and social history of a specialized group of postcards for those not familiar with this aspect of mail art.

Entropia (2005, hardcover, 127 pages) by Christian Lorenz Scheurer is a full-colour art book that illustrates the history of the planet Entropia and its various moons through artistamps. Each stamp tells of some aspect of Entropian history, from the monarchy to the republican coup to the direct democracy after the Czar was overthrown. The bizarre flora and fauna are shown in beautiful imagery. A nice addition to any collection of philatelic fiction or cinderellas.

Self Respect And A Little Extra Leave: G.P.O. Staff in 1916 by Stephen Ferguson (2005, trade paperback, 61 pages. Available for 10.75 Euros from An Post (the Irish Post Office) at www.irishstamps.ie) There are only two post office buildings in the world that are iconic: the main New York post office with its slogan "Neither rain ... " etcetera, and the Dublin General Post Office, where the ill-fated Easter Rising of 1916 began, and marked the start of what would eventually lead to the Irish Republic in 1922. The capture of the GPO by rebels, its subsequent destruction in the fighting (only the shell was left and it took sixteen years to rebuild), and the suppression of the rebellion has been told elsewhere in a flood of books. The Dublin GPO stands in Irish history as a significant turning point on the road to liberation from the English overlords.

Stephen Ferguson, the Assistant Secretary of An Post, has instead concentrated on the actual postal workers who had the misfortune to be on duty at the time the rebels, known as the Irish Volunteers, stormed the building. Using their letters, diaries, and reports compiled a few days after the fighting ended, he looks at how the posties managed to survive and keep the system going as best as possible after the GPO was occupied on April 24, 1916, Easter Monday, and a republic proclaimed.

The Director of the Irish GPO was Arthur Norway. (His 17-year-old son was a Red Cross attendant during the Rising and is known to posterity as the novelist Nevil Shute.) Unlike Canada and the USA, the European post offices not only handled mail but had control of telephones and telegraphs. The Dublin GPO was therefore the central core of all communications in Ireland, which the Volunteers recognized. When the Rising began, they swarmed into the main floor of the GPO, evicted the staff, and proclaimed the republic. They were rather careless though, and it wasn't until an hour later that they remembered the Telegraph section on the top floor of the building, and flushed out those staff members.

The posties dispersed to other sub-stations around Dublin, including a supply depot that became the new headquarters. Sniping was general throughout the city, and the posties risked their lives to re-establish downed telegraph lines and deliver despatches. The initial response by police and British Army officers to the Rising was inept. The GPO Superintendent made his way to a police station to report the takeover, and was told to go to a different police station because the one he went to was in a different precinct than the GPO.

But the posties persevered. The telegraphers were able to jury-rig new connections at other places, despite the Volunteers having cut lines throughout Ireland, and thus keep London informed. Sorting offices were put together by stacking benches on top of each other as sorting shelves, and wicker baskets were used for the outgoing mails. Posties slept wherever they could find floor space, and some went out on expeditions to scrounge for food.

The English finally brought down the Volunteers after heavy fighting, but it was the beginning of the end. Today, the Dublin GPO occupies a unique place in Irish history as not just a palatial heritage building but as a symbol of the Republic.

ROYAL FRAMES SET-UP

Setting up the exhibit frames for Royal 2006 Royale will begin Thursday 09h00 on September 28. Many hands make light work. Enough said!

DUES ARE DUE!

Please pay your 2006/2007 membership dues to Isobel Attrell at the meetings or mail a cheque to Calgary Philatelic Society, Box 1478, Calgary, T2P 2E7.

QUICK FINDER FOR TOPICALS ON CANADIAN STAMPS TO 2005: PART FOUR

compiled by Dale Speirs

Bucket, antique	1982	5	
Bucyk, John	2005	50	
Buildings,			
general	1976	20	
aboriginal, igloo	1979	17	1995 45
, Pacific	1953	100	
, teepee	1971	7	1986 34
	1994	43	
brewery	1986	34	
business, small-town	1978	50	
castles, Compton	NL1933	2	
, Windsor	NL1935	4	NL1935 5
	NL1935	7	NL1935 24
	1935	10	
Charlottetown	1964	5	2003 125
churches	1930	50	1975 8
	1976	100	1983 32
	1983	64	1984 32
	1989	76	1993 43
	1997	45	1997 52
	1997	90	2002 48
	2004	49	2004 50
clubhouses	1995	43	
court house	1994	100	
gatehouses, Fort Garry	1938	20	
Toronto	1978	14	
grain elevators	1967	50	1978 50
	1980	17	1982 30
historic	NL1928	20	2001 60
hotels	NL1928	6	1993 43
houses, chateau	1938	100	
, Champlain's	1908	5	
, detached	1978	60	1980 15
	1982	30	1985 34
	1998	45	2003 65
	2004	50	
, townhouse or row	1978	75	1978 80
	1998	45	2002 65
law	1997	45	
legislature, Alberta	1978	30	1981 17
, British Columbia	1935	50	1962 5
, Québec	1981	17	
, Saskatchewan	1982	30	2005 50
library	1989	100	1996 500
lighthouses	1984	32	1985 34
	1993	43	1997 45
	2002	125	2003 125
market	see under Buildings, retail		

Buildings, Parliament, Canada	1927 3	1928 100	Canoes	see under Ships, canoes
1930 10	1933 5	1938 10	Caouette, Real	1997 45
1942 10	1957 5	1965 5	Carnivals	see under Exhibitions
1970 6	1971 8	1977 12	Cars	see under Vehicles, car
1977 25	1978 14	1979 17	Carts	see under Vehicles, cart
1979 1	1979 5	1980 35	Cartier, Georges-Etienne	1931 10
1985 2	1985 5	1985 34	Cartier, Jacques	1855 10 1859 17
1987 36	1987 1	1987 6		1908 1 1908 20
1987 37	1988 38	2001 105		1934 3 1978 14
post office	NL1928 12	NL1928 28		1984 32 1992 48
	1986 34	1986 36		
	1987 36	1987 42		
	1987 72		Casgrain, Therese	1985 32
railroad station	1989 200		Cavell, Edith	see under Health, nursing
retail	1990 500		Cartography,	
school	NL1933 4		general	1972 15
	1981 17	1994 200	the Americas	2001 47 2002 48
	1995 43		Canada, general	2000 46
skyscraper	1967 5	1976 100	, growth of	1927 12 1981 17
	1978 60	1984 32	, arctic	1971 6
	1992 42	1993 43	, Newfoundland	NL1908 2 NL1928 1
	1996 45	1998 45		NL1933 20 NL1937 3
	1999 46	2002 48	, western	1957 5
	2003 125	2005 50	surveyor	1961 5
sports	1976 200	1978 14	world map	1898 2 1983 200
teepee	1989 38	1998 45		1998 45
tents	1979 17		Catherwood, Ethel	1996 45
towers	NL1928 9	NL1928 14	Census	1971 6
	1984 32	1993 43	de Champlain, Samuel	1908 1 1908 15
	2000 46	2001 105		1935 100 1958 5
	2004 50			1982 30
universities	see under Education, universities		Charter of Rights	see under Politics, constitution
watermill	2002 65		Charities	2000 46 2000 95
windmill	2002 souvenir sheet			2001 47
			Chemicals, industry	1956 25
			Chevrier, Lionel	1997 45
Cable, underwater	see under Communications, telegraph		China, Chinese New Year	see under Holidays, Chinese New Year
Cabot, John	NL1897 2	NL1947 5	dragon boats	2003 125
	1949 4	1986 34	Hong Kong	1991 40
	1997 45		Christmas	see under Holidays
Callaghan, Morley	2003 48		Churchill, Sir Winston	1965 5
Canals,			Circus	see under Exhibitions, circus
Chambly	1998 45		Citizenship	1947 4
Iachine	1998 45		Clowns	see under Exhibitions, circus
Port Carling	1998 45		Coady, Moses	2000 46
Rideau, John By	1979 17		Coat of arms	see under Heraldry
, views	1998 45		Columbo Plan	1961 5
St. Ours	1998 45		Columbus, Christopher	1992 42
St. Peters	1998 45		Comics, superheroes	1995 45
Sault Ste. Marie	1998 45		Commonwealth,	
Trent-Severn	1998 45		British Empire, allegory	1932 13
Welland	1974 8		map	1983 200
			meetings	1987 36
Candles	1972 6	1972 8		
	1972 10	1972 15		

Communications,		
general	1996 45	
radio	see under News media, radio	
telegraph	1974 8	1987 36
	2002 48	
telephone	1947 4	1974 8
Comeau, Napoleon	1998 45	
Computers	1996 45	1998 45
	1999 46	
Confederation,	Individuals prominent in Confederation are listed under their own names.	
general	1927 20	
Charlottetown conference	1935 13	1964 5
London conference	1966 5	
Québec conference	1917 3	1927 2
	1964 5	
Constitution, of Canada	see under Politics, constitution	
Cooking,		
Meals on Wheels	2000 46	
stove	1983 64	
utensils	1987 55	
Cook, James	1978 14	
Cooperatives	see under Retail, cooperatives	
Courts	see under Law, courts	
Crafts	see under Art	
Credit unions	see under Financial institutions	
Creighton, Donald	1996 45	
Crowfoot, Chief	1986 34	
Cunard, Samuel	2004 49	
Curling	see under Sports, curling	
Dams	1946 14	1961 5
	1995 43	2000 46
Dancing	see under Art, dancing	
Dandurand, Raoul	2000 46	
Desbarats, Georges-Edouard	1987 36	
Desjardins, Alphonse	1975 8	2000 46
Desmarteau, Etienne	1996 45	
Diefenbaker, John	1980 17	
Dionne, Marcel	2004 49	
Diseases	see under Health, diseases	
DNA	see under Biology, DNA	
Dogs	see under Biology, dog	
Douglas, Tommy	1998 45	
Dragons	see under Mythology, dragon	
Drugs, pharmaceutical	see under Health, pharmacies	
Dugua, Pierre	2004 49	
Dumont, Gabriel	see under Riel rebellions	
Duman, Bill	2003 48	
Eaton, Timothy	1994 43	

FRAME REPAIR PARTY

by Penny Borrowman

On a lovely Saturday on August 19, most of the Royal 2006 Royale organizing committee, and their significant others, met at Don and Peggy Wilson's house for a Frame Repair and Social. Most attendees rolled up their sleeves and put in many hours cleaning, re-packing, and replacing boxes for all 75 frames and their legs (handled separately). Ten of the frames were selected for new plexiglass sheets, ready to show the Queen's Exhibit, in the Court of Honour.

The work went on from just after 1 pm until nearly 8 pm. We enjoyed a much needed beer break mid-afternoon, and a wonderful dinner around 5 pm. Everyone brought food to share, Don Wilson and Les Trathen cooked hamburgers, and dessert was a special treat. Ron Tabbert brought two homemade B.C. apple pies, and Jan brought two apple pies she made from apples off her trees. Norma Nielson brought her ice cream maker, and provided the perfect accompaniment - yummy vanilla ice cream. Don't look for leftovers!

Many thanks to all who worked hard to help us "put on a clean face" at the Royal 2006 Royale. And thanks to all who brought good food, good cheer, and plenty of liquid refreshment. Most thanks to you, Don and Peggy. Can we do it again next year; maybe without the frames?



PRESIDENT'S CORNER
by Dave Russum

By the time you read this, Royal 2006 Royale will be upon us. Bringing this event to Calgary has been a huge undertaking by many dedicated volunteers. My thanks to Janice Brookes, Dwayne Miner, and all who have converted their vision into reality.

Following the President's reception on the Friday night of the Royal, there will be an informal opportunity to meet and brainstorm with representatives from other philatelic organizations. All are welcome, so feel free to join us.

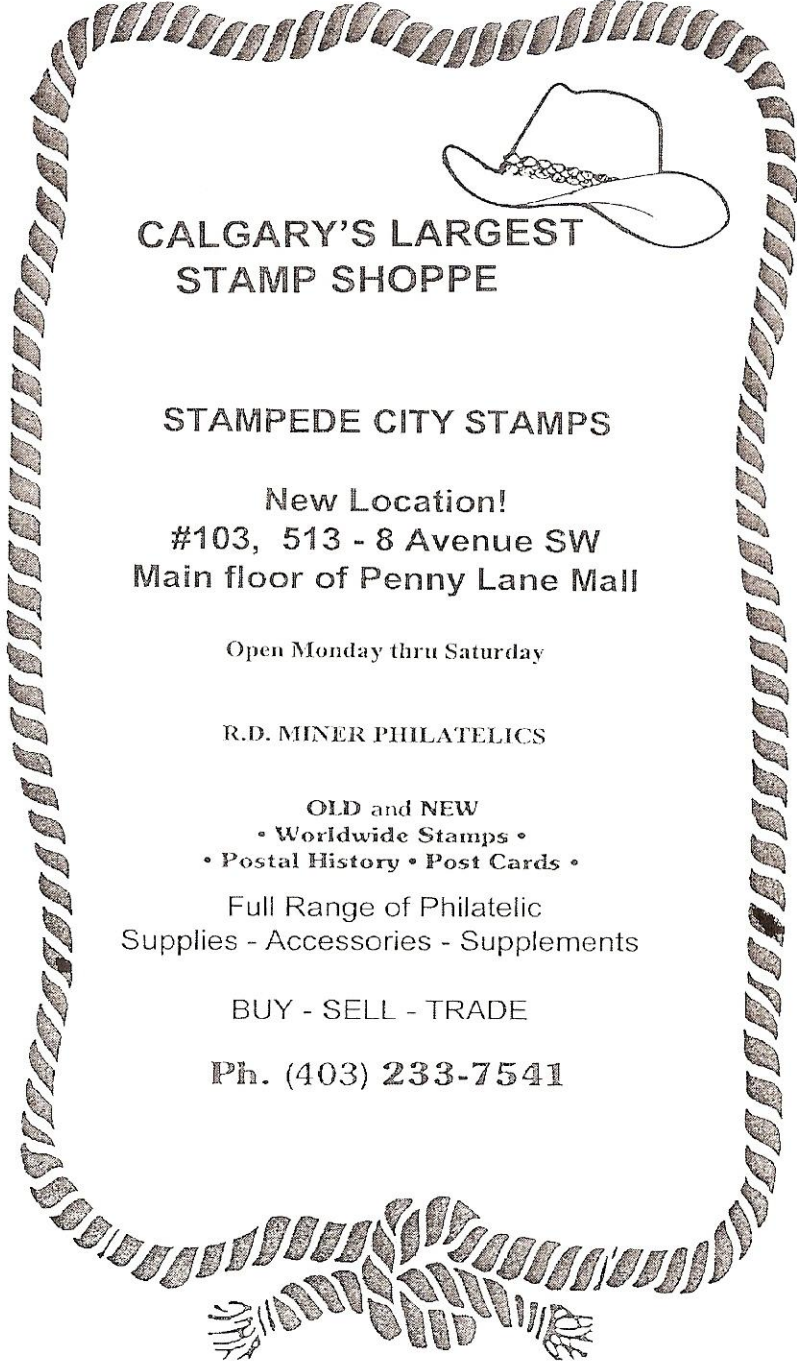
Philately is educational, challenging, relaxing, and a chance for fellowship or travel. We all have different reasons for becoming involved in this hobby. It should also be fun and provide an outlet for everybody from the neophyte to the expert. To this end, I am organizing a number of activities that anybody and hopefully everybody can enter.

The first of these is a contest to find "The most abused stamp cover owned by a CPS member". This must be a genuine item abused in transit. Hang your entry on the Stamp Line at our monthly meetings in October and November. The best entries will go to a final vote at the Christmas Social, where someone will be honoured as "Owner of the most abused cover in the CPS".

Enjoy the CPS; the more you put in, the more you get out. Contact myself or any of the Executive if you have an idea you want to pursue.

ROYAL PHOTOGRAPHERS WANTED
by Dale Speirs

Your Editor and Archivist asks that anyone taking photos at the Royal 2006 Royale show to keep him in mind afterwards. I would like one or two good shots to print in the bulletin, and the rest for the Archives. Good photos only please; no murky shots that look like they were taken in a cave at midnight, with blobby unrecognizable faces. I'm looking for general views of the show venues and events in particular. If you have a digital camera, then jpegs are fine. Thanks.



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WANTED: Private collector pays cash for larger stamp collections. Phone Willi at 239-2273.

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October	4	General meeting
	8	Sunday bourse
	18	Auction
November	1	General meeting
	1	Deadline for December bulletin
	5	Sunday bourse
	15	Auction
December	3	Sunday bourse
	6	Christmas social

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ROYAL 2006 ROYALE is at the Coast Plaza Hotel, 1316 - 33 Street NE. Details from Janice Brookes at 251-1769.

SUNDAY BOURSE is at Palliser Community Centre, 2323 Palliser Drive SW, from 10h00 to 16h00. Details and table rentals from Bill Szaroz at 337-3260.

CALGARY REGIONAL GROUP OF BRITISH NORTH AMERICA PHILATELIC SOCIETY meets second Wednesdays. For details about meeting places and times, contact Ed Harris at 274-0021.

CALGARY ASSOCIATION OF PHILATELIC EXHIBITORS meets fourth Wednesdays. For details, contact Jim Taylor at 238-3698.