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AN ALLIANCE EVENING OF CELEBRATION

Jerry Piotrowski, at the request of the chair, rose to his feet and spoke in Polish for at least 40 seconds. No one else in the room had any idea what he was saying, but judging by the broad smiles on their faces, guests Robert Owczarz and Ziggy Borowski understood every word! Robert and Zygmunt, Ziggy to his friends, were attending the Annual Meeting of GTAPA, as representatives of the Polish – Canadian Coin and Stamp Club, the newest group to join the Alliance. Jerry had warmly welcomed them on behalf of the Board, to their first meeting. After explaining in English the greeting, applause and laughter followed. Thus started this year's Annual Meeting, a tribute and an official welcome to "Troyak" (The shorter version of the P-CC&SC!) to GTAPA. The second order of business was the presentation to the treasurer, of their cheque, for membership for 2004-2005. We are excited and delighted to welcome this club of 53 members, to the Alliance, and we look forward to many opportunities for shared experiences and mutual benefit.

Then followed another surprise, at least for guest Ray Cairns from the West Toronto Stamp Club. Secretary Ernie Nyitrai rose to present him with a GTAPA Certificate of Merit, for the many years of dedication and service to his

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Executive members Alusio, Nyitrai and Butler, presented their reports. V.P. Garfield Portch, was with the audience, facing someone's pertinent comments. (Doug Irwin photo)

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EDITORIAL

You probably have noticed by now some improvements made to the *PhilaJournal*. Some of the changes we have made: the switching to a very pleasing tint in the paper, the saddle stitch format for easy leafing of pages, a better quality of paper and a new font for the written articles. The decision to improve the quality of the *Journal* was based on a progression plan developed by the Executive. Thanks are extended to the advertisers for their support. They believe in what the GTAPA has embarked on to do - promote the art of philately. Who knows, if the revenues permit us to further improve the looks and contents, we might introduce some colour to the publication.

As a result of the elections held on June 23, there is one change on the Executive; Garfield Portch was acclaimed the new Vice President. We thank Dorothy Attwells, one of the founders, for serving in the same position during the first two formative years of the Alliance.

The GTAPA club member affiliation has now reached 8 with the recent admission of the Polish-Canadian Coin and Stamp Club. Welcome aboard "Troyak!"

STAMPEX 2004 is around the corner. This year the exhibits component of the annual show has been expanded to around 100 standard frames. Read more about it in this issue.

Elsewhere in the publication you will read about the recognition of an esteemed philatelist, the inaugural get-together of the Thematic Group and other interesting articles.

Enjoy the reading and tell us what we can write for you. Better still, write an article and share the experience with other fellow collectors.

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home club. Reay's shock at the announcement and then his delight with the presentation was a treat to observe. Unexpected recognition is always a wonderful incident to watch, especially when it is so well deserved. Congratulations Reay, your contribution to the hobby is recognized now, by many more than the membership of West Toronto.



Ernie Nyitrai, secretary, presents Reay Cairns with his GTAPA's Certificate of Merit.

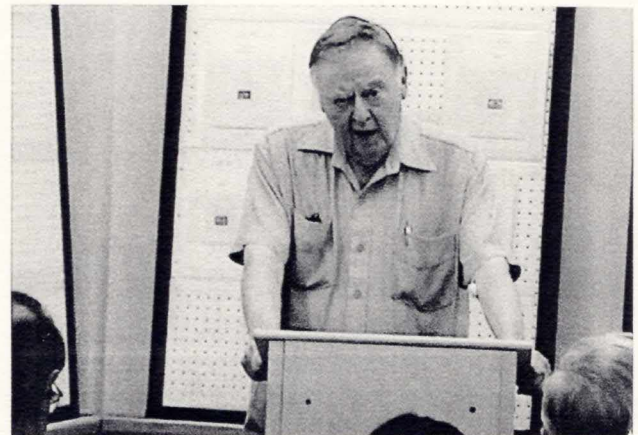
The meeting then turned to the business at hand, with the reports of the president, treasurer and secretary being read to the Board and guests. You will recall that all members of the seven clubs had been invite to this special meeting, about 20 accepted the invite and arrived at the V. Greene Research Foundation to join the Board for the evening. The President's Report is available for anyone to read, on the Alliance's new web-site which, as I write this piece, is expected to go on line by the end of August. Noteworthy in the secretary's report was the approving of the amendment to the Constitution, formalizing a new category of membership in the Alliance, the "Friends of the Alliance." (There will be more about this important addition to Alliance memberships, in the next PhilaJournal).



Alliance members listen attentively...we have no idea to whom!

The names of the representatives for all the clubs were then announced and approved as members of the Board. This was followed by the election, by acclamation, of the new executive committee. All appointments are for the period 2004 to 2006. (The new Board and Executive are listed on the front page). Frank Alusio and Peter Butler then presented a podium to the Foundation, as a gift from the Alliance, in appreciation of the use of the Meeting Room for our monthly meetings. The meeting was then adjourned for refreshments provided by the Board members, and the viewing of the one-page exhibits.

At eight o'clock, the group was called back to order for the introduction of our guest speaker, Harry Sutherland. Harry is Canada's most decorated philatelist and, as the Chairman of the Foundation and secretary of the RPSC, is highly respected for his knowledge and contribution to philately in Canada and beyond. It was an honour to have Harry speak at the annual meeting. He spoke on the History of the Vincent G. Greene Research Foundation, the Research Library, and his hopes for the use of the facility as a great resource to the philatelists of Canada. Joe Janthur thanked Harry for his presentation.



Harry Sutherland speaking on the Foundation's history. Notice the speaker's podium, a gift to the Foundation from GTAPA.

The proceedings were then turned over to Garfield Portch, who announced the winner of the most popular one-page exhibit competition amongst the Board members. Tom Marquette of the West Toronto Stamp Club graciously received the applause of everyone... and the prize! The meeting ended with a flurry of congratulations all around for a very enjoyable and fruitful evening. The Board was very pleased with the fine turnout and is anxious to plan another memorable event next June. The date will be, June 22nd. Why not circle it on your calendar now and plan to attend. We promise you a great night out!

PB



FROM THE PRESIDENT

More on Troyak's Joining the GTAPA

Their interest in our organization came as a result of discussions held at April's CSDA Show with Robert Owczarz, where he spoke to me about the possibility of having his 56-frame exhibit, displayed at STAMPEX 2004. His exhibit shows the stamps commemorating the pilgrimages of Pope John Paul II visiting over 130 countries. He also requested information about the Alliance with the idea of taking the documents to the next "Troyak" meeting for the club's consideration. When I phoned with the approval to have his exhibit at STAMPEX, he announced that his club would be joining the Alliance. The executive thought it would be timely to have their representatives introduced and welcomed at the Annual Meeting.

Adlets Are Working!

From the feedback of members who have placed adlets in the PhilaJournal, the program is working. No sooner had the last issue been distributed, than responses to ads began appearing. Editor Frank says the process should help many philatelic collectors who are looking for unique items to add to their collections. You never know what material some collectors have that they no longer deem necessary to keep. For a Toonie, the ads are well worth the expense. Why not place an ad for those topics for which you would like to obtain more material? I wager you'll be pleasantly surprised by the interest.

Web-site Announcement

Vice-president Garfield Portch has spent a great deal of time over that past few months arranging to have our wishes for a web-site, come true. In the spring, when the initial investigations were made about who would create our site, we decided that whoever accepted the work, would need to agree to train some of our interested members to regularly maintain the site. With our limited budget, these were high expectations indeed. The good news is that Garfield did it! He arranged for Doug Biggarstaff to respond to our needs. At the August Board meeting we anticipate that he will attend to show us his design and hopefully get us on line before the end of the month. (Remember that I'm writing this at the beginning of August!) Did we make it?

If any reader has an interest in assisting with the maintenance of the web-site, (deleting older items and adding new material) please give Garfield a call, at 416-239-0623. I imagine that the training session(s) will be held as early as possible in September. And the next time you see Garfield, thank him enthusiastically for his efforts.

Do Member Clubs have Resources to Share?

With eight clubs now as members of the Alliance, there could be a new initiative to advertise the resources that clubs presently own, and to share them. As an example, the Scarborough Stamp Club, several years ago, made three sandwich boards to advertise their exhibition and bourse, to the public, the day of the show. The boards are placed on nearby corners showing the way to the, STAMP SHOW TODAY. Other clubs have borrowed the boards to advertise their shows and the Scarborough club is happy to share them with others. A five-dollar fee for their use is requested, to help the club maintain them. Scarborough has recently purchase a first class public address system that they would be pleased to rent out to other clubs in the Alliance. (\$15.00 per show) It is a lightweight item in one easy-to-carry piece, and it can fill an auditorium or large meeting room with announcements easily. The system will accept music input as well as the microphone.

Does your club have equipment that you would be willing to loan out? A small fee would be charged, as well as the responsibility for pick-up, return and any damage. It would certainly be cheaper than renting from a supplier. Do you need an overhead projector, a slide projector a screen for an upcoming presentation at your club? Others clubs may be able to help. GTAPA would be pleased to keep a listing of such equipment and announce its availability in PhilaJournal. Presidents can bring the offers to a Board Meeting and have them announced in a subsequent newsletter.

Guest Article for this Issue

Cimon Morin is the manager of the Canadian Postal Archives, situated in the Museum of Civilization, in Hull, across the Ottawa River from Canada's Parliament Buildings. I asked Cimon if he would write a brief description and introduction to the Archives, for our readers. His column can be found on page _ and we thank him for his contribution to the PhilaJournal.

You will be interested to know that PhilaJournal is one of only two stamp club newsletters that are filed in the Archives, from the GTA. The other is the newsletter from the Ajax Stamp Club, a founding member of the Alliance.

The Future for the GTAPA Looks Bright!

As we begin the third year of our existence and the second term for the Board and its Executive, we can look forward with confidence to the future. Our leadership in many areas is strong and the dedication of these leaders is focussed on service to the Alliance member clubs, their programs and their vibrant growth and development. We have just begun to achieve our objectives and there is much

work ahead. But our resolve is firm even though the paths ahead will be challenging. One of my favourite quotations is:

"There are those who make things happen.

*There are those who watch things happen,
and there are those who say, What Happened?"*

In the context of our hobby, the GTAPA make things happen. The Executive and Board value your support and welcome your involvement in its various initiatives. Give us a call, get involved, you'll reap many benefits, but best of all you'll be integral part of the organization's future successes.

Enjoy your stamps and revel in your good fortune in being a part of the GTAPA!

Peter Butler



CLUBS ACTIVITIES

Bramalea Stamp Club

Meets the 1st Sunday (from 2:30 to 4:30pm), October to June and the 3rd Tuesday (from 7:30 to 9:30pm) year round at Terry Miller Recreation Complex, Williams Parkway (between Dixie Rd. and Bramalea Rd.), Brampton. For more information, contact Bob Thorne at 905-792-3526 or Email: r.thorne@Sympatico.ca.

The executive of the Bramalea club is still finalizing the programme for the 2004-05 season. It is anticipated that there will be a combination of silent auctions, short presentations by member as well as guest speakers and show and tell for our Tuesday meetings which go on all year. Once Sunday meetings resume after the summer break there will be a return of the Sunday oral auctions conducted by Bob Thorne.

The Bramalea Club will forgo its Sunday meeting on October 3 at its regular meeting place in order to host the 10th Annual Club Fair at which clubs from the GRVPA as well as GTAPA will participate. The executive is putting all its efforts into making the Grand Fair a success.



East Toronto Stamp Club

Meets the 1st and 3rd Wednesday, from September to May, at Stan Wadlow Clubhouse, Cedarvale Avenue Toronto. After a short business meeting, there usually is a presentation by Club members. Refreshments are always available.



Insurance & Banking Philatelic Society

Meets the 3rd Thursday at 6:00pm of every month from September to June (Except in December, when it is the second Thursday) on the premises of Canaccord Capital Corporation, 320 Bay St. 13th floor, in Toronto.

North Toronto Stamp Club

Meetings are held on the second and fourth Thursdays of each month from September to June (except December), starting at 7:00 p.m., at Yorkminster Park Baptist Church, 1585 Yonge Street, east side at Heath Street. The Club's circuit books are available to members and visitors, and some of the members who are dealers provide material for purchase as well. A brief business meeting is followed by a speaker's presentation, a panel discussion, or a club auction. No admission charge. Visitors are always welcome. Coffee and cookies are served.

Seminar Series on Exhibiting

The North Toronto Stamp Club has enlisted the help of experienced judges and exhibitors to present a series of seminars related to exhibiting on one Thursday night each month this coming fall at our regular club meetings. We are going to start the program with a talk on preparing and evaluating title pages.

On September 9, Frank Alusio will take us through the importance of a title page in both a single frame and multi frame exhibit. A number of title pages will be on display and all members will partake in the discussions that will be centred on "what is good and what needs improvement" on the pages we look at.

On October 28, we have Ken Snelson showing us how he uses a computer to prepare his exhibit pages. Ken will show us how to draw boxes for covers or individual stamps, how to center or align these on the page, how to move text around, etc. Ken will be using his award winning exhibit (Vermeil at Bangkok) "The Tax Marks of Great Britain" to demonstrate these various techniques.

On November 11, Alan Hanks will take us through writing up a thematic exhibit, the tasteful arrangement of multiple items on a page, windowing of items on a page, etc. Alan has some wonderfully laid out pages in some of his thematic exhibits and these will be on display at the meeting.

Program

- Sept. 9-Exhibiting Seminar No.1
Frank Alusio will lead us through an interactive discussion on Exhibit Title Pages.
- Sept. 23-John Robertson will give us a showing of Royal Train Covers.
- Oct. 14-Fall Floor Auction
- Oct. 28-Exhibiting Seminar No.2
Ken Snelson will use his award winning exhibit on the Tax Marks of Great Britain to show us how to use a computer to write up album and exhibit pages.
- Nov. 11-Exhibition Seminar No.3
Alan Hanks will discuss the Presentation and write-up of a thematic exhibit.



North York Philatelic Society

Meets on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday from 6:30 to 9:00 pm (July & Augusts 3rd Wednesday only) in the Skaters' Lounge at the Carnegie Centennial Arena, 580 Finch Avenue West, (1 1/2 blocks west of Bathurst Street), Toronto.

Meetings feature convivial atmosphere, speakers, auctions, a sales circuit and a number of dealer members. Membership is only \$10 per year. Ample parking is free.

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Polish-Canadian Coin and Stamp Club

Also known as "Troyak", meets on the last Sunday of each month, except holidays, at Art Metal Studio, 2550 Goldenridge Road, Unit 34, Mississauga.

"Troyak" was established with goals towards education, collecting and preservation of coins, stamps, paper money, orders and medals of Poland's history.

The Club is officially registered at Ontario Numismatic Association and has recently joined the Greater Toronto Area Philatelic Alliance.

The Polish-Canadian Coin and Stamp Club is a non-profit organization which can always provide assistance in dealing with issues concerning coins and stamps. Persons who are interested in the education and study in numismatic and philatelic matters are welcome. Refreshments are always available.

After the summer break, the first meeting of the season will take place on 26 September.

In October, on 15-17, Robert Owczarz & Stan Korzepa ("Troyak" Club members) will participate at STAMPEX 2004 with the stamp exhibit "Pope John Paul II - 26 years on World Stamps."

On 31 October, the Club will hold its Annual General Meeting.

For more information, contact Ignac K. at 905-273-5561 or, Janusz M. at 416-724-4410 or, Robert O. at 416-462-9097.

www.troyakclub.com info@troyakclub.com



Scarborough Stamp Club

Our meeting dates are the first and third Tuesdays of each month during the school year. No meetings are held in July and August. Membership is \$10.00 per year. SCC meetings are held at the Cedarbrook Community Centre, located behind Cedarbrae Collegiate at 91 Eastpark Blvd. in

Scarborough (416-396-4028.) Eastpark Blvd. is 2 blocks south of Lawrence Ave. and runs east/west from Markham Rd. to Bellamy Rd. For more club information call Peter Butler, at 416-690-4666.

The meetings this Fall are as follows:

Sept. 7 & 21, Oct. 5 & 19, Nov. 9 & 23, Dec. 7

The meetings on the first Tuesday each month, are for trading, buying, selling and informal chats amongst the members. There is no program or general meeting. On the third Tuesday each month, we hold a meeting for club business and announcements. The meetings last 15 minutes and are followed by programs of planned activities. This Fall, the following programs have been announced:

- Sept. 21 - a "welcome back" meeting, with a Show & Tell session for all in attendance.
- Oct. 19 - a non-competitive One-Page Exhibition all members are encouraged to bring a one-pager!
- Nov. 23 - a guest presentation by Ingo Nessel on Revisiting the "Sand Dune States"
- This year, there will be only one meeting in December. The Annual Christmas Party will be held on Dec. 7, '04 at the Community Centre, at 7:00 p.m. A potluck lunch will be provided by the members and a special Xmas Cake and coffee will be provided by the Club. The program will be the traditional several games of Bingo followed by the raffle & door prizes, then the refreshments!

The SSC always welcome visitors, guests and new members.



West Toronto Stamp Club

Meets the 2nd, 3rd and 4th Tuesday at 7:30pm, from September to June, at Fairfield Seniors' Centre, 80 Lothian Avenue, (3 blocks south of Bloor St. West, and 2 blocks east of Islington Ave.).

Ample free parking, Club's Newsletter, Regular and Invitational Auctions, Study Group Sessions, Dealers Tables, and Exhibitions.

Recognition

At the Annual General Meeting of the GTAPA held on June 23, 2004, the Alliance recognized Reay Cairns, Past President of the West Toronto Stamp Club, by presenting him the Certificate of Merit in recognition of his outstanding contribution to its home club and philately.

After serving a couple of years on the Board of Directors, Reay was elected President in 1989-90 to 1993-1994. However, in 1994-95 he did not seek re-election, but in the absence of an elected President, he agreed to remain in office in an acting role until a new President was elected.

The members of the Board, made his job so easy that he voluntarily ran for office and was re-elected in 1995-96 holding the position until the end of the 2002-2003 season. In all he served as President for 13 consecutive years.

In addition to the President's office, Reay took on the duty of Auction Chairperson in 1993-94 which he continues to perform for the benefit of the membership. Congratulation Reay!

Activities

The activities scheduled for the next three months are:

- Sept. 14 Regular Meeting and Auctions
- Sept. 21 Study Group Session:
"Show and Tell and General Discussion"
- Sept. 28 Regular Meeting and Auctions
- Oct. 12 Regular Meeting and Auctions
- Oct. 19 Study Group Session:
"How to arrange a One-page exhibit"
- Oct. 26 Regular Meeting and Auctions
- Nov. 9 Regular Meeting and Auctions
- Nov. 16 Study Group Session:
"One-page Exhibition"
- Nov. 23 Regular Meeting and Auctions

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COLLECTING

Toronto's First Post Office gets a new pictorial cancellation

Earlier this summer, Postmaster Janet Walters of Toronto's First Post Office, applied to Canada Post for a new pictorial cancellation stamp. It came at my request because the one presently in use does not have a sharp image since it has been used for several years. Janet was pleased to complete the application and send it to Ottawa. Since taking over the role, she is making a renewed commitment to stamp collectors and will be happy to facilitate the use of the new pictorial cancellation stamp on philatelic mail. The stamp pictures an engraved

front view of the building at 260 Adelaide Street East. (as shown below)



Of interest to readers will be the discussion I had with Janet, prior to the decision to apply for the new stamp. She stated that many of the collectors who come to the post office only use the cancellation service, they do not buy stamps.

I suggested that perhaps they don't make it a practice of purchasing stamps there because the post office seldom has a good supply of all stamps as they come on the market. Nothing is more frustrating to collectors than to make the trip to a post office, only to find that the new stamps are not available. Janet has pledged to fix that problem. She will make every effort to have each new stamp available on the first day of issue. Of course, some of the glitches that occur with new stamp delivery across the country, are not attributable to postmasters! Remember the, "no announcement" Vancouver 2010 stamp? Remember the Quebec Carnival issue that very few Ontario post offices received?

By the time you read this announcement then, Postmaster Janet Walters should have a full selection ready for collectors. If there are special philatelic items that collectors would like to see for sale, please speak with Janet and she will do her best to obtain them. Please be aware that this post office is not advertised as a Philatelic Centre, so some specialty and non-philatelic items, may not be available there.

I informed her that stamp collectors are always appreciative of being able to cancel their philatelic covers at her post office. They also really appreciate having the covers put in the special bag to avoid being cancelled a second time. The very least collectors can do, to show our appreciation, is to make sure we buy stamps there, at every opportunity. Janet seemed pleased with that response.

I ask all GTAPA members to please support Toronto's First Post Office, and if you have never toured the museum there, it is definitely worth a visit. Plan to spend at least 45 minutes to take in the displays of Toronto's history, geography and of great importance to our readers, its postal history. Janet Walter is also the curator of the Museum, and can be reached at 416-865-1833 or tfpo@total.net. The web-site can be viewed at: www.townofyork.com.

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The 1908 Olympic Marathon Incident FA

At the time of composing this edition of *PhilaJournal*, the 2004 Summer Olympiad is in full progress. During the euphoria of the Games, it would be appropriate to turn back in 1908 to recount an incident which became the talk of the world.

The Games of the 28th Modern Olympiad now underway in Athens, Greece, have been commemorated with a wealth of philatelic material issued by nations all over the world. Such is not the case in 1908. No stamps were issued to commemorate the IV Olympiad held in London, England.

As a researcher on Olympic Games, I gleaned that the IV Games of the Modern Olympiads were opened by King Edward VII on July 13 and continued until July 25 when the medals ceremonies for all events were held. The highlight of the Games was undoubtedly the marathon run.



Early in the afternoon of July 24, 1908, 55 athletes stood impatiently on the lawn of Windsor Castle awaiting the start of the Olympic marathon. If anyone noticed Dorando Petri, the little Italian candy-maker from Capri, it was because of his improvised outfit - yellow knickerbockers, with a matching yellow scarf crowning his head. Pinned to Petri's white shirt was the identification number 19.

The marathon race retraced Pheidippides' legendary 24 miles, 1500 yard run from the Plains of Marathon to Athens to relay the news of the Athenians victory over the Persians in 490 B.C. The course's distance has varied over the years. In 1908 the London Organizing Committee decided to increase the course to 42,195 meters. The race would begin at Windsor Castle, and was a 26 mile course to the White City Stadium, with a further 385 yards round the stadium running track, to the finish in front of the Royal Box. This way, the Royal Family could witness its start. Little Princess Catherine was named honorary starter of the race.

Two hours and 45 minutes later Dorando Petri emerged from the tunnel of the White City Stadium. Only a few hundred yards separated him from the victorious completion of the 26 miles, 385 yard marathon run.

But soon the wild cheers of the spectators turned to deadly silence. What had happened? The spunky little runner turned left after entering the stadium, the wrong direction, and was running away from the finish line.

The crowd watched in amazement as Dorando staggered a few yards. Excited officials implored him to turn around. Exhausted and dazed, the runner stopped, gazed attentively, and collapsed on the cinder track. The British officials lifted him to his feet and pointed him in the right direction. Petri pitifully took a few more steps, and then fell. Again he was helped up, but the little Italian, trying to find his bearings, weaved erratically and fell again.

As the overcome runner was assisted once again, John J. Hayes, a distance runner for New York's Irish-American Club, entered the stadium. J.M. Andrews, the Chief Clerk, and Dr. M.J. Bulger supported the helpless Petri to the finish line. When the officials released him, the Italian pitched forward across the tape and collapsed. Hayes crossed the finish line seconds later. Petri, the declared winner of the race, was carried unconscious from the field.

Hours later, following a protest by the American Olympic Committee, Petri was disqualified for receiving aid and John Hayes was awarded the Gold Medal. In sympathy, Queen Alexandra decided to present a special gold cup to the Italian runner.

The event was the talk of the world. For weeks many debated the ruling. The event's circumstances raised many questions. Surely, the officials knew that if they aided the contestant he would be disqualified. What had precipitated their help? Was the act a spontaneous, emotional one? Perhaps it was prompted by the pleas from the crowd. The American team, during the opening day parade, refused to dip the Stars and Stripes to King Edward VII. Had British resentment manifested itself in assistance to Petri? Olympic historians still debate these questions.

The impact of the incident was recorded on this 1988 souvenir post card produced by the Society of Olympic Collectors (below) to commemorate Dorando's marathon run.



GTAPA's Annual Philatelic Exhibition

The annual event staged by the Alliance and in collaboration with the Canadian Stamp Dealers' Association will be bigger and better.

Exhibits

There will be an increase to over 100 standard frames. In addition to the GTAPA Club Challenge Award competition, and exhibits entered by individual collectors, there will be:

- dealers' Exhibits entered by CSDA members
- competitive and non-competitive exhibits
- youth exhibits from several Canadian centers
- a guest Exhibit of 56 frames of philatelic material commemorating the 26 years of Pope John II's pilgrimages around the world
- participation of the Toronto Postcard Club with a display of several frames of postcard exhibits.
- knowledgeable collectors, exhibitors and judges will provide walks of the exhibits at regularly-announced intervals.

Youth Program

On Friday, school groups will be involved in stamp collecting workshops and visits to the "Beginner's Table" with Betty Emms Beddows. Other children are welcome! Kristen Ollies (see below) will be the Youth Docent for the entire show, guiding visitors through the exhibits and assisting at the workshops and Beginner's Table.

Workshops & Seminars

The number and type of workshops and Seminars will be announced at a later date.

Awards Presentation

On Saturday, October 16, at 11:30 am the presentations will feature RPSC president Charles Verge, presenting Kristen Ollies, with the "Youth Philatelist of 2003" Award. Other awards, medallion, certificates and prizes will also be presented.

Appraisal Service

On Friday and Saturday at 2:00 pm and 4:00 pm the public will be invited to bring their philatelic collections to the GTAPA booth for free advice. Options will be given to those wishing to dispose of their collections. Dealers and experienced collectors will be on duty.

Collectibles

TTC commemorative covers with pictorial cancellation, and GTAPA Cinderellas, the first in a series on "Toronto Landmarks" will be on sale at the GTAPA booth.

...and much more!

Watch for announcements in the Canadian Stamp News prior to the show, for specific information about additional events, topics and times.



Private Posts in Breslau in the late 19th century

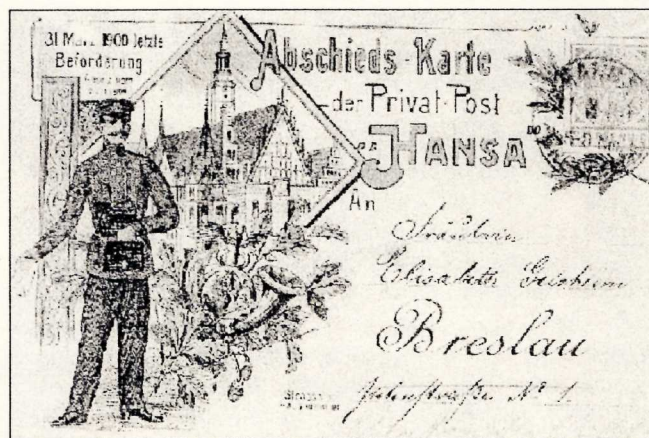
by Jerry Piotrowski

For almost 30 years after the creation of the new German nation in 1871 the authorities tolerated a loophole in the otherwise air tight monopoly of the Reichspost which permitted privately owned companies to operate mail service in a given city or town even in direct competition to the state postal service. These items of mail however had to both originate and be destined for delivery within the same city with intercity service provided only by the Reichspost. Some 250 different companies existed at various times in over 160 towns and cities. In most cases companies would have offices as well as a network of drop boxes throughout the town with some larger towns having more than one Private Post operation.

Among the companies operating in Breslau (present day Wroclaw in Poland) towards the end of this period were Courier and Hansa. Courier was established in November 1896 by Riemay and Maksymilian Materne for Eugene Boronow who was the actual owner of the business. Hansa was set up in March 1893 by Panitz and Lehman as a franchise of Privatstadtbrief-Befordnung Hansa. Both companies used adhesive postage stamps and provided postal stationary in the form of postal cards and letter cards with Hansa also providing printed envelopes. Hansa also issued a commemorative stamp and postal card in March 1897 to mark the 100th anniversary of the birth of Kaiser Wilhelm I.

When Heinrich von Stephan who had been Postmaster-General since 1871 and who had been a supporter of the Private Posts died in 1898 things changed. The new Postmaster-General brought in changes to the Postal Law, which effectively shut down the operations of these companies.

With the Reichspost taking over all mail operations on April 1, 1900 Hansa prepared a "Farewell Card" (Abschieds Karte) for use on March 31, 1900 the last day of Private Post operations.



Farewell Card (Abschieds Karte)



PHILATELIC HISTORY

Library and Archives Canada

Preserve Our Philatelic History

by Cimon Morin

Manager, Canadian Postal Archives

The hobby of stamp collecting has existed in Canada since the 1860's when beginnings were established in the Maritimes, Montreal and Toronto. In the 1870's stamp collectors started to form societies and clubs in order to organize themselves. Since the 1920's, their activities have included philatelic shows and exhibitions. The first major exhibition in Ontario was organized in August 1928 when the American Philatelic Society held its convention in Toronto.

When one wants to study the hobby of philately (i.e. the people, collections formed, organizations, exhibitions, dealers, etc.), the researcher needs to consult the published information in stamp magazines of the past. It is, with some exceptions, the only source of documentation relating to our hobby. In most instances, the archival records (i.e. personal papers, correspondence exchanged between collectors, researchers or dealers, photographs, unpublished notes and research) have vanished and have been lost over the years.

While collectors have done well in bringing together the best collections, they have not done very well in preserving the records relating to the hobby. The philatelic community has a rich history and much diversity. It has brought together a number of prominent and great collectors who gave the hobby their time, energy and dedication.

During the past years, Library and Archives Canada (LAC) - the new name resulting from the amalgamation of the National Library of Canada and the National Archives of Canada has put some emphasis on collecting these type of records, and have been successful in some areas, thanks to the cooperation of philatelists. In terms of acquiring, preserving and documenting the hobby, the LAC has been able to acquire the publications and the papers or archival holdings relating to societies and individuals. This listing is a selection of such records from the Toronto area. In knowing more about ourselves as a whole, we will bring new life to our hobby as well as pride for our philatelic past and present.

Details about the LAC archival holdings can be searched on the web site available at:

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### ThemaGroup Takes Off

As announced in the last issue of PhilaJournal (No.8), that a Thematic Group was being formed as a service to the Philatelic Alliance members, eleven individuals initially show interest in participating. However, seven philatelic collectors: Frank Alusio, Peter Butler, Bob Hattam, George MacLean, Gord Payne, Garfield Portch, Suren Selvaraj, representing North York, Scarborough and West Toronto Stamp Clubs, attended the first gathering at the residence of Garfield Portch in Etobicoke. After a brief introduction of each other in terms of what we collect, our interest and what is expected from the group, a general discussion ensued basically on the collecting aspect of thematic philately.

In addition, there was an overhead presentation by Frank showing the difference between Topical and Thematic collecting and some of the various elements that a collector should look for to make his/her collecting interests more enjoyable and challenging.

The program of the *ThemaGroup* is tailored to evolve on the fancy of its members. Initially it will focus on the collecting aspects. In time, as we progress, the Group will move into the exhibiting aspects progressing from producing a One-page, a One-frame, Multi-frame, non-competitive, and competitive postal and Display Division exhibits.

The aim of the Group is "to gain knowledge from each other experience."

The surroundings, along with refreshments, were kindly provided by Garfield. Thanks old pal!

Other collectors who would be interested in joining the Group, or would like more information on what is all about, may contact Frank by tel: 416-621-8232 or e-mail: [falusio@sympatico.ca](mailto:falusio@sympatico.ca)

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**Canada 82 Youth Exhibition**, 1978-1983.50 cm textual records, 6 photographs, 1 poster (R3063). **Canadian Association for Philatelic Exhibition**, 1947-1963. 4 cm textual records (R3065). **Fred Jarrett** 1929-1946. 6 cm of textual records, 4 sheets of postage stamps, 1 v. (610 p.). **Michael Madesker**, 1970-1992. 34 cm of textual records, 16 prints: 13 posters, 3 show cards, 4 architectural drawings: blueprints, 1 diagram, 1 strip of 7 labels, 10 medals, 1 badge: cloth patch (R4245). **Douglas Patrick**, 1931-1980.8.23 m textual records and other material, 296 audio reels (75 h) (R3332). **Royal Philatelic Society of Canada**, 1959-1992.91.5 cm of textual records, 592 photographs: col. slides, 31 photographs: b&w, 18 photographs: col., 1 plaque (R3941). **Harry Sutherland**, 1900-2003. 4.78 m of textual records, 18 photographs, 3 discs, 2 posters, 1 postcard, 4 postal covers (R2095). **Toronto Stamp Collectors Club**, 1892-1990. 87 cm of textual records, 1 photograph: b&w. (R4669). **Canadian Philatelic Dealers Price lists collection**, 1872-1991. 1.90 m of textual records (DAPI992-314). **Philatelic Societies collection**, 1888-1994. 4.40 m of textual records. 298 labels, 1 poster, 25 photos b&w, 8 covers (DAPI995-151) for the Philatelic Library holdings consult at: [http://www.collectionscanada.ca/archivianetJ020127\\_e.html](http://www.collectionscanada.ca/archivianetJ020127_e.html)

## SHOWS & BOURSES

Sept. 18, Toronto

The North Toronto Stamp Club will hold the Autumn Postage Stamp Bourse at Edwards Gardens Centre Lawrence at Leslie, Saturday 10 am to 4 pm. For more information, contact Herb at 416-445-7720 or e-mail: ntstampclub@yahoo.ca

Sept. 18, Burlington, ON

Burlock Stamp Fair, Burlington Seniors Centre, 2285 New St. (near Guelph Line) Saturday, 9 am to 3 pm. Ample free parking. For more information, contact Michael Anderson 905-632-6057 or e-mail: michael@parcelsplusinc.co.

Oct. 15-7, Toronto, ON

Fall STAMPEX '04, hosted by the CSDA and GTAPA, will be held at the Queen Elizabeth Building Exhibition Place, Toronto, ON. Don't miss it! See ad on the back page.

Oct. 30, Barrie, ON

Barrie District Stamp Club will hold its Annual Stamp Show and Bourse, at Alladin Banquet Hall, 41 Essa Road, Saturday 10 am to 4 pm. Free parking and admission. 16 dealers, Canada Post, auctions. For more information, contact Doug Sawyer at 705-435-3739.

Nov. 6, Toronto

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