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On May 17, 2008, at the 80th General Meeting of The Royal Philatelic Society of Canada, a cheque in the amount of \$500 was presented to President **Rick Penko** by **Peter Butler** and **Garfield Portch** on behalf of GTAPA.

The money was a portion of the profits from ROYAL * 2007 * ROYALE hosted by the GTAPA last October.

We are pleased to announce that the GTAPA was well represented in Québec at this year's ROYALE. In administrative roles, Peter Butler served in his role as the Director of the National Office and Secretary while yours truly served as the Recording Secretary of the official meetings. **Sam Chiu** (North Toronto Stamp Club) was outstanding as the Chairman of the Jury.

The GTAPA was also well represented in the ranks of the exhibitors. The awards were:

Steve Johnson (Bramalea) – vermeil – *Jack V. Elliot Air Service*

Herb McNaught (North York) – gold – *The 1908 Québec Tercentenary Issue*

Garfield Portch (West Toronto) – silver – *Jacques Cartier Quadricentenary Issue*

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AmeriStampExpo 2008
by Herb Kucera

The site chosen by the American Philatelic Society for this year's winter exhibition was Charlotte in North Carolina. The town of Charlotte was first incorporated in 1758 as "Charlotte Town" in order to curry favor with the British Crown by naming it after the wife of King George III. Queen Charlotte was born as Duchess Sophie Charlotte in the tiny North German Duchy of Mecklenburg-Strelitz. The county surrounding Charlotte was named Mecklenburg. During the American Revolutionary Wars, the English General Cornwallis called the city a "Hornets' Nest" of Revolutionaries.

Today Charlotte is a thriving city and is said to be the second largest financial centre in the USA, after New York City. Much new construction is taking place in the downtown area. A rapid transit line connecting downtown with the suburbs has been completed recently and new subdivisions are being built constantly.

The exhibition was held in the Charlotte Convention Centre on January 11 -13. The exhibition room was large and bright with plenty of space for exhibits and dealers.

The US Post Office had a booth, but, sad to say, only stocked stamps for the current domestic rate of 41¢. No postage stamps were provided for mail going outside the USA, but they did have a label machine to supply whatever additional amount was required for such items.

More than 80 dealers provided ample opportunity for collectors to search for those elusive items, and 36 seminars and meetings were held during the show. Also represented were ten philatelic societies.

Admission to the show was free, but every visitor, exhibitor, official, etc had to wear a badge before being allowed to enter. The awards banquet was held Saturday evening, There was also a Tiffany dinner and a Writers' Unit Breakfast. The dinners and the breakfast did require payment. The exhibition itself consisted of a total of 245 frames, representing a number of different subjects and divisions.

Two exhibitors from the GTAPA Clubs exhibited:
Charles Verge (North Toronto) with "Canada -the Gannet" (*single frame gold*), and "The Windsor Hotel, Montreal" (*single frame gold*) and **Herb Kucera** (Insurance & Banking & West Toronto) with "Austria - the Changing Times and Money" (*silver-bronze*).

The next major APS exhibition will be August 14 -17 in Hartford, Connecticut.



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THE EDITOR'S SPACE

Can you believe it --- we are entering the 7th year of *PhilaJournal* with this issue!

This summer while preparing a competitive exhibit, I spent some time reviewing type fonts and, as a result of my research, decided that it was time to change the look of *PhilaJournal*. I opted to use a classical font that I believe is easier to read. I will be happy to receive feedback.

In this issue, we owe thanks to several contributors. **Peter Butler** (Scarborough), **Tony Manson** (SOSSI), **Alena Pascual** (North York), **Jerry Piotrowski** (Bramalea), and **John Wilson** (North Toronto) have been generous with their submissions.

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DEADLINE

The Winter Issue of *PhilaJournal* will be distributed in the last week of December. Contributions must be in the editor's possession by the 7th of December.

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Messages from the President

Since the last *PhilaJournal* was distributed, the GTAPA Board of Directors has met twice, as has the Executive, to begin developing plans for new Alliance initiatives. As I have written to you before, we have become increasingly aware over the last four years that we have been spending an inordinate amount of time on the organization and presentation of national exhibitions and not enough time on the priorities as stated in our constitution. We did, however, make a commitment in 2003 to run the national shows and we were not prepared to renege on our word. We were obliged to follow through with those agreements but that commitment is now finished.

It will serve as a reminder for readers, if I paraphrase those statements of intent from the founding document of 2002, prior to announcing the new directions that we intend to pursue. They remain the purpose of the Alliance:

- to bring the member clubs together to promote stamp collecting and recruit new members
- to share knowledge, expertise and resources among the member clubs
- to operate in an harmonious, respectful and constructive environment to achieve goals
- to enhance the art of philately
- to host and coordinate exhibitions and other events

The first part of the last point seems to have been the, "Tail that has wagged the dog." It's time to get back to enhancing the art of the hobby within the community of our 12 member clubs/societies to a greater degree. This is not to say that we have ignored or neglected our other objectives. Over the past two years, we have:

- printed a new, colour brochure for clubs to distribute as they wish to generate new members
- organized two excursions for members to visit the American Philatelic Center in Bellefonte, PA
- shared speakers for club meetings and judges for local show exhibitions
- provided exhibition frames for all clubs wishing to store them for their own future use
- arranged for clubs to have handouts and stamps for their youth programs.

Clearly, we believe we can do more to support our Alliance clubs and provide more resources that may not be possible for the individual clubs to arrange.

At our last Board meeting, we created a list of activities that we will begin to implement in the near future. We need your assistance in gaining input around these initiatives. Your club president will be asking you for suggestions about two initiatives:

- We are looking at the possibility of arranging special Saturday workshops at a central

location for the members of all clubs to attend. What topics would you like to see available in such a series of workshops? These would be hands-on workshops, not lecture-type presentations.

- We will be creating a list of speakers willing to travel to other clubs to do presentations across the GTA. Who would be willing to provide presentations and on what topics would they be prepared to present? The listing will be sent to all clubs and renewed every two years. Some provision for a traveling allowance could be established.

During our discussions there were concerns voiced that GTAPA-initiated competitions at the shows we did organized might be forgotten since no immediate plans have been established to take on a STAMPEX type show in the foreseeable future. The show competitions are the GTAPA Club Challenge Award (three single frame exhibits from each club are judged and the aggregate score for each club competes against the other clubs) and the One-Page/Single Frame Club Competition (15 members create one-page exhibits to be mounted in a frame which are judged and winning clubs announced). These competitions can easily be accommodated in local and regional shows that several of the Alliance clubs hold on an annual basis. Club presidents at our last Board Meeting agreed in principle, that one or both of the competitions could be held at local club shows, perhaps on a rotation basis. This idea has the potential to work very well but more discussions will be required and there are no firm plans at this time.

Another initiative that was tabled at the aforementioned meetings was the opportunity for two or more clubs to meet together for a special meeting. A stamp fair, akin to the Stamp Fair organized annually by the Grand River Valley Philatelic Association, was another idea brought forth. These ideas are excellent and will need club representatives to take on some planning.

The suggestions all focus on the original guidelines set out in our constitution. I am confident that the GTAPA clubs can and will work collaboratively to achieve some exciting innovations to our program that will enhance our clubs and make for many enjoyable and worthwhile activities for the members. Remember, "We work best when we work together."

Sincerely,

Peter Butler

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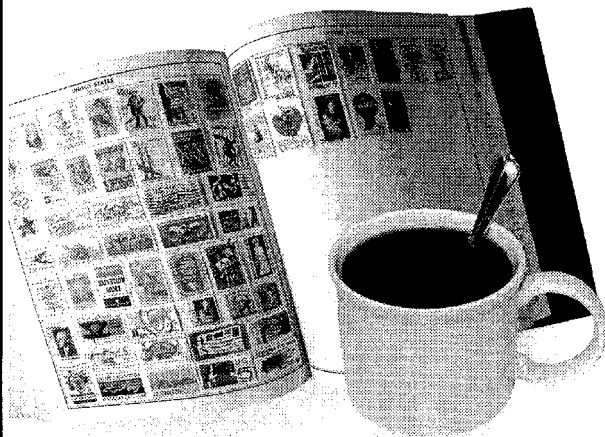


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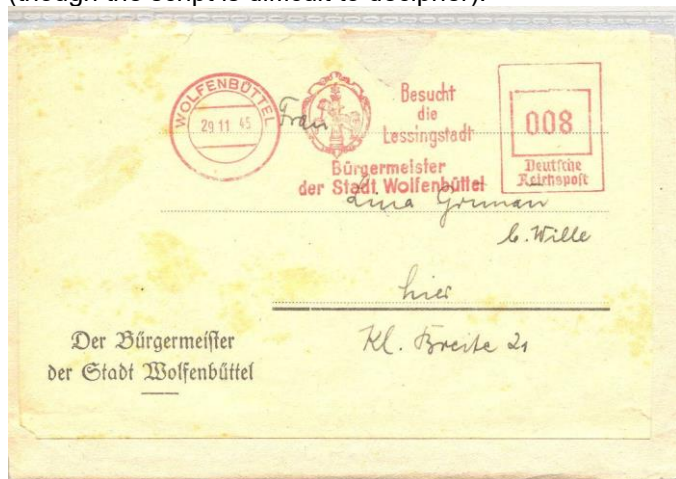
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Forced Labourers in Germany After World War II

by Robert Pinet

This typed letter-sheet, from the Mayor of Wolfenbüttel, a town near Braunschweig in Lower Saxony, bears a slogan meter mail cancel reading *Besucht die Lessingstadt* (Visit the City of Lessing). Gotthold Ephraim Lessing. Lessig (1729-81), was an Enlightenment writer and philosopher, born in the small town of Kamenz (in Saxony) which later changed its name to honour its favourite son. The cover bears the date 29.11.45 and is addressed to a Lina Griman (though the script is difficult to decipher).



shown approximately half of actual size

The letter, dated Nov. 28, 1945, details the transport of “50 refugees to return to their native country in the Russian occupied zone” to take place on December 5 from Camp Poggenhagen near Wunsdorf (about 100 km northwest). It also mentions that the refugees “must be healthy, although no certificate needs to be presented,” that their luggage “must not weigh over 100 kg per person” and that refugees intending to travel to Camp Poggenhagen have first to obtain a written receipt from the police office in the Wolfenbüttel Town Hall by Saturday, December 1, 1945.

Why was Lina, the recipient of the letter, invited to go to a camp 100 kilometres away, thence to be transported back to the Soviet Union? The answer lies in the fact that Wolfenbüttel was one of the centres where OST-Arbeiters (East Workers) workers had been dispatched. Who were these OST-Arbeiters? In 1942, Goebbels came up with the idea of inviting people from occupied Ukraine to Germany to work, “but the pool of volunteers dried up after word got back to the relatives in the Ukraine of the inhuman conditions Ukrainians were forced to endure in Germany” (Wikipedia, 2008). Instead, later in 1942, the Nazi regime resorted to forced labour, with army units kidnapping and transporting whole congregations, for example, who had sought sanctuary in their churches.

Foreign workers were classified into three groups in Germany. These were: (1) guest workers

(*gastarbeitnehmer*) from Germanic or Scandinavian countries or Italy, (2) forced workers (*zwangsarbeiter*) who were either POWs or Polish prisoners from the General Gouvernement, and Eastern workers (*Ostarbeiter*) who “were subject to even harsher conditions and were expected to be worked to death” (Wikipedia).

Between two-thirds and three-quarters of the over 3 million Ostarbeiters were Ukrainian. Slightly more than half were women, and most were under the age of 16 because those over 16 were conscripted. By November 1943 the age limit had been dropped to 10. In Germany, Ostarbeiters lived in both private camps owned by the large companies that used them or in special camps guarded by private police. They were paid with specially printed money and savings stamps that could only be redeemed for a limited number of goods in special camp stores. They worked an average of 12 hours a day, 6 days a week, were paid about 30 per cent of what a German worker was earning, and could not use public conveniences.

The end of the war did not see an improvement in the lives of many of the Ostarbeiters that had survived. Those in the Soviet occupation zones were returned automatically to the Soviet Union; those in the French and British zones were also forced to return Eastern Europeans, often against their consent, under the terms of the Yalta Agreement. However, having heard rumours of the terrible fate which awaited those refugees transported back to the Soviet Union, in October 1945 General Eisenhower banned the use of force in repatriation in the American zone of occupied Germany. Repatriation was voluntary (as this letter makes clear).

Those who did return spent the remainder of their lives branded as traitors. Instead of tasting freedom, the vast majority were sent to forced labour or hard labour camps, and all suffered from restrictions in their rights to travel, work and study, restrictions which hindered not only their lives but the lives of their families.

Deportation to Germany with forced labour; a return to their homelands, only to face camps again. All of this seems so far away from the serene world of Lessig’s Enlightenment.

References: The Lessing Year 2004 in Kamenz. Retrieved May 18, 2008 from <http://www.goethe.de/ges/phi/prt/en76279.htm>. (Wikipedia, 2008). Forced labor in Germany during World War II. Retrieved April 30, 2008, from http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Forced_labor_in_Germany_during_World_War_II

The author thanks **Ralph Blunk** of the North Toronto Stamp Club for his translation of this letter from the German.

GTAPA MEMBER CLUBS' NEWS & ACTIVITIES

Bramalea Stamp Club

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

Check out our web site at
www.bramaleastampclub.com

The topics for the next 4 Tuesday Theme nights are as follows:

May 20 Art
June 17 Overprints
July 15 Rabbits
Aug 19 Ships/Boats

Congratulations to **Steve Johnson** on the awards he received at the North Toronto Stamp Club 65th Annual Exhibition held in conjunction with the CSDA Spring Bourse at the CNE. For his exhibit "**Jack V. Elliot Air Service**" Steve received a Gold, Best in Class and also received the Grand Award. Steve also had two non-judged exhibits in the Court of Honour, "**Yukon Airways and Exploration Company Ltd**" (which incidentally has been accepted as an exhibit at an FIP show in Prague later this year) and a new exhibit with the lengthy title "**A semi-Official look at Laurentide Air Service. Patricia Airways and Exploration Ltd. and Commercial Airways**"

There will be no Sunday meetings in July, August and September. Meetings will continue to be held on the third Tuesday of each month.

Jerry Piotrowski



East Toronto Stamp Club

Meetings are at Stan Wadlow Senior's Action Centre on Cedarvale Ave., (Woodbine & Cosburn area) on the first and third Tuesdays of the month, October to May, at 9:30 to 11 :00 a.m.

The membership fee is \$5.00 yearly, payable to the Stan Wadlow Clubhouse for Seniors.

Activities include stamp exchanges, a stamp dealer who buys and sells stamps, estate evaluations and disposals, stamp chats and fellowship. Full benefits at the centre are available

to the members including: social events, bus trips, card playing and exercise classes.

The objective of the club is to provide a meeting place to enjoy the hobby. Stamp collecting is often a solitary hobby so having a place to meet and enjoy the various activities, in a social atmosphere, is very worthwhile.

Doug Cockburn



Insurance & Banking Philatelic Society

Our next meeting will be on the premises of DEPAG Agency, 14th floor at 67 Yonge Street on May 29, 2008

Visitors to meetings are advised to phone Joe Janthur (416-364-4112) to arrange entry as the building closes at 6:00 pm.



North Toronto Stamp Club

The North Toronto Stamp Club holds its meetings at Yorkminster Park Baptist Church, Yonge Street at Heath Street, on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of each month.

Congratulations are extended to Stu Sheppard who celebrated his 80th birthday on May 23rd. Stu, who now lives in Bobcaygeon was the exhibition chairman for the NTSC for many years. He still makes it back to Toronto to attend our quarterly bourses.

Bourses scheduled for 2008:

June 14, Sept. 20, Dec. 6 at Yorkminster Park Baptist Church

Geoff Ewing



North York Philatelic Society

Meetings are on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of each month from September to June (July and August 3rd Wednesday only) in the Skaters' Lounge at the Carnegie Centennial Arena, 580 Finch Avenue West, Toronto, (2 blocks west of Bathurst Street). Everyone is welcome at any of our meetings. Membership is \$10.00 per year. NYPS is a member of Royal Philatelic Society of Canada.

Upcoming events of note
October 15, 2008 Club auction
March 28, 2009 NYPEX our annual show
April 15, 2009 Club auction

IN MEMORIAM

Joseph Herman Malboeuf

Joe was born August 11, 1924 in Massachusetts, and was the eldest and only son of three children. He started stamp collecting when he was 8 years old, doing odd jobs to earn the pennies to buy stamps. He commented many times that his stamp collecting helped him academically – he always did extremely well in social studies and geography.

His stamp collecting was put on hold when he enlisted in the U.S. Air Force in 1942. He served in the continental U.S. and then abroad until the end of the war, attaining the rank of sergeant.

After meeting through family connections and corresponding during the war years, Joes married Regina Dube on September 1, 1947. A tree surgeon by profession, at his employers request, Joe moved to Canada in 1957. Joe and Regina chose to settle with their daughter in Richmond Hill. In 1962 their son, David, was born and Joe started his own business with three partners. Joe later joined the then Borough of Scarborough, working there until he retired in 1989.

Despite two knee replacement surgeries, Joe really enjoyed his retirement. As he was able to one again become an avid and ambitious stamp collector. It was a hobby that he participated in wholeheartedly and with great passion. As the years went by, Joe tried to instill a love of stamp collecting in his grandchildren much as he had tried with his children, nieces and nephews. He was a member of the North York Philatelic Society and served two terms as president from 2000-2003.

Joe's 80th birthday was spent in hospital recovering from his second hip replacement surgery. Over the next three years Joe's health deteriorated.

Joe and Regina celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary with their friends and family in 2007.

Joe passed away peacefully on January 20, 2008 in his 84th year.

Mike Turk

For more information about the North York Philatelic Society contact Mike Turk at 905-731-8380 or via e-mail at turkm@accessv.com.

Oshawa/Whitby Stamp Groups

The Oshawa Stamp Group meets twice weekly. There is a \$10 annual fee to join Oshawa Seniors.

Tuesdays 1:15 pm to 3:15 pm
Northview Community Centre
150 Beatrice Street East, Oshawa

Fridays 11:00 am to 1:00 pm
Legends Community Centre
1661 Harmony Road North, Oshawa

The Whitby Stamp Group meets weekly. There is a fee of \$1 per meeting with the proceeds to Whitby Seniors.

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Polish-Canadian Coin And Stamp Club "Troyak"

Club "Troyak", meets on the last Sunday of each month, except holidays, at 4:30 p.m. at John Paul II Polish Cultural Centre, 4300 Cawthra Rd. (just south of Hwy. 403), Mississauga, Ontario.

Club's mailing address is: 2550 Goldenridge Road, Unit 46, Mississauga, ON L4X 2S3 Canada.

"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 member at the Ontario Numismatic Association and is an active member of the Greater Toronto Area Philatelic Alliance

The Polish - Canadian Coin and Stamp Club "Troyak" 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.

"Troyak's" Executive Team has established in February 2005, "Troyak Junior" Philatelic Club, and Zygmunt (Ziggy) Borowski is club's director. For

more information, contact: Ziggy at 416-454-2790 or bzygmunt@hotmail.com

"Troyak" Club next meeting is planned for June 29, 2008, at 4:30 p.m. July and August – Summer break in Troyak's activities. Next meetings are planned for September 28, 2008; October 26, 2008; November 30, 2008 and December 14, 2008. Refreshments are always available. Club issues monthly info bulletin on its website.

For more info call: Ignacy Kania 905-273-7313 or Wieslaw Grzesicki 416-258-1651 or visit the website: www.troyakclub.com or info@troyakclub.com New members are always welcome.

Robert Owczarz



Maple Leaf Chapter, Sossi Scouts On Stamps Society International

The Maple Leaf Chapter meets on the third Sunday of each month from September through May at 2:00 pm (coffee/cookies at 1:30 pm). Meetings are held in different locations within Toronto and southwestern Ontario as follows:

Jun 15 – Niagara Falls Scout House/Museum – 100th Anniversary Scout Stamp Issues.

Contact: Tony Manson at (416) 447-4281



Toronto Stamp Collectors' Club

Toronto Stamp Collectors' Club meetings are held on the second Tuesday of each month from September to, and including, June. Our regular meetings are held at the Royal Canadian Military Institute, 426 University Avenue, Toronto, starting at 8 p.m.. Business attire with a tie is a requested dress code at the RCMI.

For more information contact
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Scarborough Stamp Club

We held our annual Christmas party at Kally's Restaurant with 35 members, wives and friends having a salmon or steak dinner. We held a bingo night called by **Frank Lock** with everyone claiming a prize. Our chairman gave a few words of wisdom and thanked everyone for the year and gave good

wishes for the coming year. He thanked **Elaine and Gail** for a job well done in organizing the event.

As a number of the members and our chairman went on trips down south, the February meeting was chaired by **Jim Carleton** who called for the coming election to be held at the March meeting. Because not too many people volunteered on election night the present executive committee agreed to stay on for another 2 years.

The Executive for the coming 2 years are:

Doug Cockburn	Chairman
Peter Butler	Past President
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Rick Howard	1 st Vice President
Jerry Merelaid	2 nd Vice President

Those appointed by the Chairman were

Alice Bargh	Membership
Wendy Burke	Membership
Mary Mastromatteo	Social
Peter Butler	GTAPA director
Jim Carleton	GTAPA director
Dave Stone	GTAPA director

APS Trip

From Thursday April 3rd to Saturday April 5th we took a bus to Bellefonte, Pennsylvania to visit the Match Factory complex owned by the APS. We started off with the first pickup at 8:00 am with 4 more pickups along the way with a total of 28 members, wives and friends.

The first stop was at the border and the Duty Free. There was a two-minute delay here. We arrived in Bellefonte at 4:30 pm with a welcome committee meeting us for refreshments and a tour of the complex. This was followed by a catered dinner at the APS facility.

After dinner we boarded the bus to the Holiday Inn Express Hotel to check in and relax. The next morning after breakfast at the hotel, we got on to the bus again for the day's seminars and stamp hunting at the APS. The non-stampers were driven into Altoona by **Susan Butler** for shopping.

In the afternoon we went on a tour of the Penn State printing complex and a tour around Penn State University which has approximately 77,000 students and a football stadium that holds 110,000 fans.

Our next adventure was off to the Penn State Creamery, an ice cream shop that offers almost every flavour you could possibly want.

The APS has a full time post office set up as an early post office which was transferred from West Virginia with all recent stamps for sale. This office

served as an exhibit at the Smithsonian in the National Museum of American History.

After that we went through the circuit books, library and donation envelopes that were 10 cents each, We bought over \$800.00 of these covers. After dinner we were entertained by the Mayor of State College who talked about his winning exhibit in Colombia.

Next morning the girls went shopping. After lunch we said our goodbyes and travelled to New York State where we had dinner in Ellicottville and visited a wonderful candy store.

On to the border where we were delayed for a very minutes again. We arrived home at the last drop off spot at around 10:00 pm.

We would like to thank **Peter Butler, Garfield Portch** and **Susan Butler** for a well run trip that ran on time from start to finish and to also mention our driver, **Ross Henderson**, who always seemed to be smiling during the three days and was very helpful. A total of 13 members, wives and friends from the Scarborough Stamp Club enjoyed the 3-day outing.

Meeting Information

The first Tuesday of each month will continue to be a general trading night. The third Tuesday will be devoted to a brief business meeting followed by an auction. Special guest speakers may be presented on either night. Members of other clubs and visitors new to the hobby or experienced collectors are always welcome to attend meetings.

Meetings are held at the Cedarbrook Community Centre, 91 East Park Blvd., (Lawrence and Markham area) in Scarborough. The doors are open at 6:00 p.m. For more information call **Doug Cockburn** at 416-757-4072



Ukrainian Collectibles Society (Toronto)

Society meetings are held the first Monday of every month. Attend and meet people with similar interests.

For further information contact
Jerry Kalyn at 416-251-6898.

We meet at:
Ukrainian Canadian Social Services
2445 Bloor Street West, Toronto



West Toronto Stamp Club

Activities are held on the 2nd, 3rd and 4th Tuesday at 7:30pm from September to June at Fairfield Seniors' Centre, 80 Lothian Avenue, Etobicoke (3 blocks south of Bloor Street and 2 blocks east of Islington Avenue). Ample free parking! *

Membership Dues: \$20 per year for new members and \$15 per year for renewals.

The WTSC has been operating for 73 years so its program is well established with respect to a club newsletter, regular and invitational auctions, study group sessions, guest speakers and exhibitions. The 3rd Tuesday of each month takes on the format of a study group dealing with a variety of philatelic topics.

Survey - During the month of April our Club conducted a survey asking members to identify which activities they prefer so the Club would program those activities acceptable to the majority. The response was overwhelming.

Questionnaire handed out	45	100%
Members who responded	41	91%
Members who did not responded	4	9%

In total 18 items were voted on. Out of the 41 who responded here are the preferences:

Bi-monthly Bulletin	40
Oral Auction	39
Silent Auction	39
Official Meeting	38
Invitational Auction	37
Dealers in attendance	35
Study Group	35
E. Drake Trophy (One-frame)	34
T. Allen Cup (Open)	33
F. Alusio Award (Single-page)	33
5¢ Books Table	33
Trade / Swap	33
Refreshment	31
Xmas Party	30
Estate Inventory / Advice	27
Social Gathering	26
Wearing name tags	25
Sign-in Book	10

At the Board of Directors meeting of May 06, 2008, it was decided to program all the activities except the Sign-in Book. The Club will provide each member with name tags to be worn at each meeting so we all know each other by name.

Frank Alusio, on behalf of the Board, thanked very much all the members who took the time to complete the questionnaire.

Exhibition - On 20 May 2008 nine (9) members of the 17 in attendance exhibited in the annual **Allen Cup** competition. This is an open-no-rules exhibition allowing any member to bring any mounted collection from One-page to a Multi-frame exhibit or anything in between. The winner, chosen by popular vote, was **Gerry Quidzinski** who presented a 4-page exhibit "Da Posta 1936 of Danzig". Congratulations Gerry!

Future Meetings


Please note that as of September 2008 the Club will meet at the new temporary location:

The Eatonville Library
 1430 Burnhamthorpe Road,
 south-east corner of
 Burnhamthorpe and The East Mall
 east of Highway 427
 New time: 6:30 pm, Auctions: 7:00

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Exhibiting Awards

Congratulations to **Herb Kucera** (Insurance & Banking) and **Charles Verge** (North Toronto) for their showing at *AmeristanExpo* in Charlotte, North Carolina in January. Herb was awarded silver-bronze for his exhibit "Austria – the Changing Times and Money". Charles received two gold awards for single frame exhibits "Canada – The Gannet" and "The Windsor Hotel, Montreal".

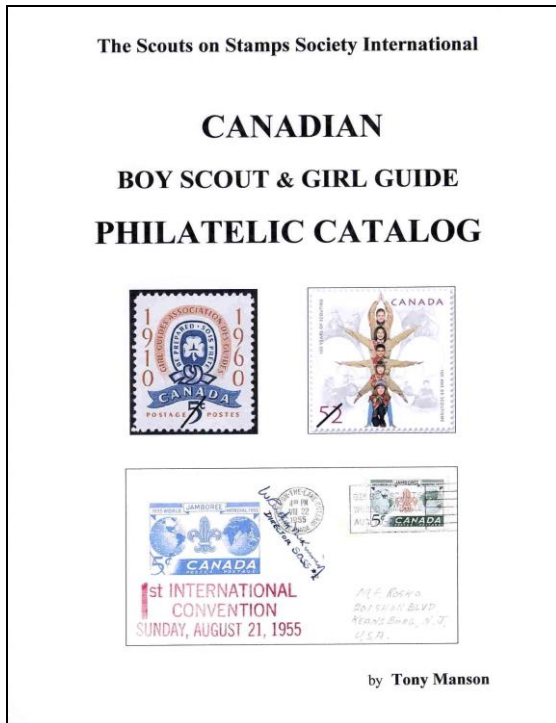
WANTED

Refugee covers of the Twentieth Century, especially covers from Displaced Persons' (DP) Camps in Germany, Austria, Italy and the USSR from 1945-52.

CONTACT: Robert Pinet
robertpinet@canada.com

Canadian Boy Scout & Girl Guide Philatelic Catalog

The **Canadian Boy Scout & Girl Guide Philatelic Catalog** has now been completed. Weighing in at 242 pages and over 1100 images, it is the definitive source of information on this topic, covering the stamps, the cancels and the cachets to the end of 2007. Over 130 covers from each of the 8th World Jamboree and the 15th World Jamboree are catalogued.



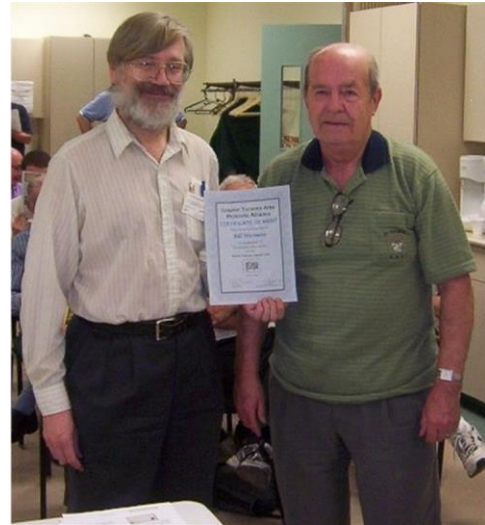
This catalogue can be obtained locally from **Tony Manson** or by sending payment of \$29.95 US (\$24.95 for SOSSI members) plus shipping/handling to Lawrence Clay, SOSSI Secretary, PO Box 6228, Kennewick, WA 99336, USA.

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Two NTSC Members Receive GTAPA Certificates Of Merit



Bill Wetmore has been a member of the North Toronto Stamp Club since 1994. Over his long collecting career he has narrowed his focus from the world to Canada, specifically corner blocks. He has played a central role in the running of the club's Sales Circuit in the acceptance and recording of submissions and in reconciling retirements from it and has handled the Table Sales and Auctions for many years. The club will soon lose Bill's services as he will be moving from Toronto in the near future.



John Laraway has been a member of the North Toronto Stamp Club since 1989. He has been a member of several stamp club's in Toronto, has represented NTSC at the GTAPA, and has worked in the bin room of several exhibitions including Capex '96 and has exhibited in the club's annual exhibition. His primary area of collecting has been Malta although he has many other collecting interests. He has stored the club's exhibition frames for many years and has participated in the physical set-up and take-down of frames for both the NTSC and other exhibitions.

Greater Toronto Area Philatelic Alliance Visits the American Philatelic Center in Bellefonte

APS News Release

Members of the Greater Toronto Area Philatelic Alliance (GTAPA) celebrated the arrival of seasonable spring weather with a three-day road trip to the American Philatelic Center in Bellefonte, Pennsylvania April 3–5.

The Alliance had visited the APC previously in 2006. Based in Canada's largest city, member clubs include the Bramalea Stamp Club, East Toronto Stamp Club, Insurance and Banking Philatelic Society, North Toronto Stamp Club, North York Philatelic Society, Polish-Canadian Coin and Stamp Club, Scarborough Stamp Club, Toronto Stamp Collectors Club, Ukrainian Collectibles Society, and West Toronto Stamp Club.



Toronto is 300 miles (484 kilometers) from Bellefonte – about a six-hour drive, not including time to clear Customs and Immigration at the border. Thirty GTAPA members and spouses made the trek by chartered bus, arriving Thursday afternoon at the APC for a reception in Sundman Hall with American Philatelic Society Director of Education **Gretchen Moody**, who was instrumental in arranging the itinerary for the visit. A tour of the facilities, including the American Philatelic Research Library and the newly installed Headsville Post Office preceded a dinner hosted by APS Executive Secretary **Peter Mastrangelo**, who welcomed the Canadian collectors.

After a good night's rest at a hotel in nearby State College, the Canadians returned bright and early Friday morning to visit the APS Sales Division and the APRL. The morning included audiovisual presentations on the "History of Air Mail" with APS Media Manager **Fred Baumann**, "Sales Trends in Stamp Store and Circuits" with APS Sales Division Director **Tom Horn**, and "Computer Technology in Philately" with **Barb Boal**, editor of *The American Philatelist*. Visiting collectors were free to take part in whatever opportunities suited their interests, while most non-collecting spouses elected to spend the day shopping at malls and outlets in Altoona, about an hour southwest of Bellefonte.



In addition to a chance to browse sales circuit books and the library stacks after lunch at Sundman, Friday afternoon included a bus tour to Pennsylvania State University Print Services and the renowned Penn State Creamery that taught Ben & Jerry how to make ice cream. A reception and dinner at Sundman Hall rounded out the day, with former *American Philatelist* Editor and "Peripatetic Philatelist" **Bill Welch** the featured speaker, aptly discussing the far-flung journeys, joys, and rich rewards of his life in the stamp hobby.



After breakfast at the hotel on Saturday morning, GTAPA members returned to the APC for more buying and library research. Director of Expertizing **Mercer Bristow** regaled interested collectors with his high-tech insights on the subject of authenticating philatelic material, titled "CSI: Bellefonte." APS Deputy Executive Director **Ken Martin** spoke on "Letters, Flats and Parcels: What hath mechanization and automation of the mails wrought?"

After a farewell lunch at Sundman Hall, the bus departed for Toronto early Saturday afternoon, full of collectors with new acquisitions for their albums, new information to enhance the hobby and, we hope, fond memories and new friends.

After his return to Toronto, GTAPA President **Peter Butler** who organized the excursion said, "we had an even better time than we did in 2006. The presentations by the APS staff were excellent. They are so professional! Clearly the staff focus their entire effort on service to members. Their care and concern for meeting the wishes of the group was wonderful to experience....from coming

in on Saturday, to arranging for a van to take shoppers to the malls, to following through on all the special requests. The only frustration was having so many choices! The group was truly impressed with the facility and the people. It received our highest praise and commendation. We can't say enough about how great our weekend was."

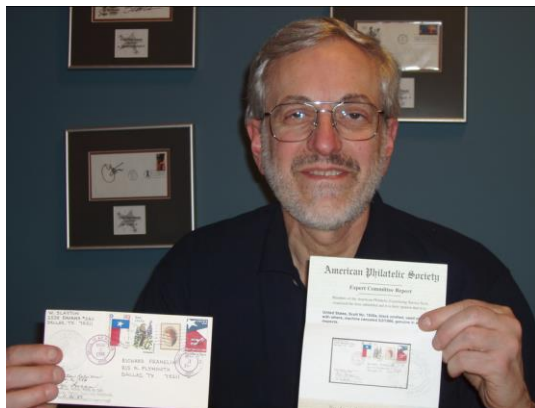
Another visitor, **Garfield Portch**, said of the return to Toronto, "A number of our members were snoozing most of the way home so I knew that the trip had them tired out. Among those who took the trip in 2006, the discussions on the bus revolved about the belief that this trip was better.

"The proof of the excellence of the trip, however, was the often-asked question, 'Can we do this again, soon?' Our answer was affirmative — we will plan another trip next year! Thank you all for everything."

Gretchen Moody said, "We enjoy hosting collectors, either in groups like our Canadians, or as individuals. It's a terrific way for us to stay in touch with collectors." Moody noted that three members of the Toronto group had joined the APS during the April visit.

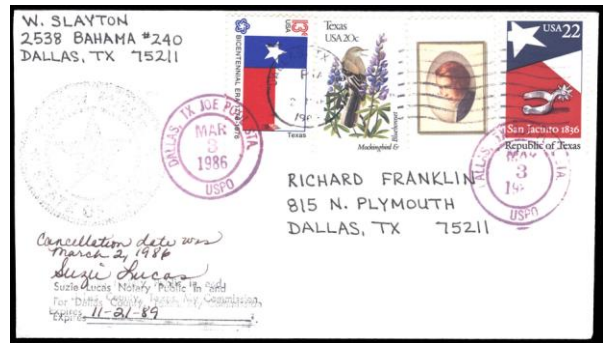
Things You Find...

Pictured below is **Richard Nakles**, a volunteer staff member at the APS. With a twinkle in his eye, Richard told me that he works an average of eight days a week in the APS Donations Room sorting box after box of philatelic donations to the APS.

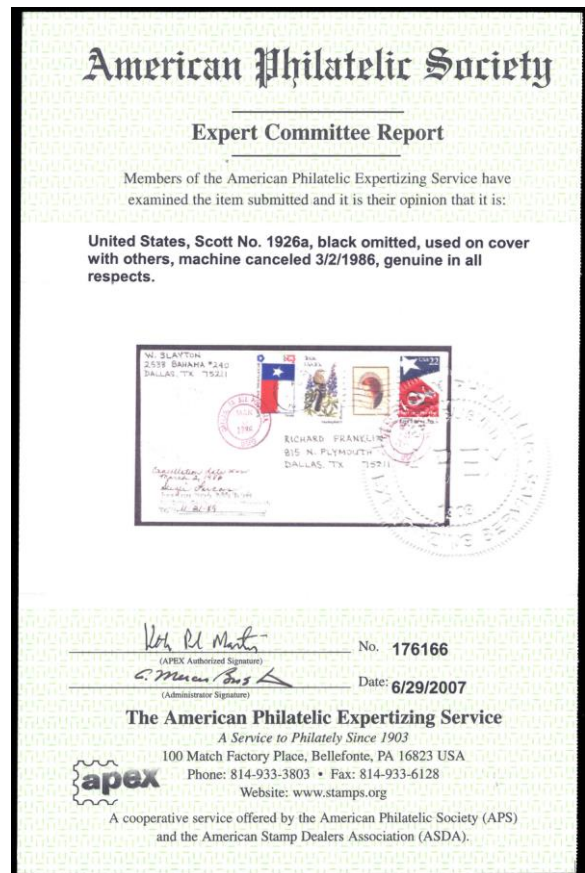


Every now and then, a surprise item shows itself. The cover Richard is holding is such an item. It appears that the original owner placed four stamps on the envelope before taking it to the Post Office to receive a first day cancel on the stamp at the right end of the row.

The Postal clerk had, however, changed the date in his cancelling device with the result that the cover was cancelled for the second day of use. The collector then took his cover to a Notary who endorsed the cover to the effect that it was actually cancelled on March 2, 1986, not March 3.



The fascinating thing about this cover is neither the cancel nor the notarisation, but the fact that the third stamp from the left is missing the black entirely.



This cover now carries an APS Certificate of Authenticity and will be offered in a public auction at some future date with the proceeds going to defray expenses at the APS Centre.

Suffice to say that Richard has withdrawn this item from his assortment of 10¢ covers.

Richard was, by the way, delighted to report that the tour group from the GTAPA spend more than \$800 on covers and stamps from the 10¢ boxes of donated material.

Garfield Portch

300 Years Dorotheum Auction House In Vienna

Herb Kucera

This is a condensed version of an article, which appeared in the Magazine "DIE BRIEFMARKE" in German. The magazine is published by Austria Post.

How many Canadian collectors have bought stamps at the state auction house Dorotheum in Vienna? The place celebrated its 300th anniversary last year, having been founded by Emperor Joseph I in the year 1707. In 1787 the institution moved into its present premises at Dorotheergasse 17, in the first district (downtown). Initially, the philatelic section operated out of a place on the Mariahilferstrasse, one of the prime shopping streets in the city. Stamp auctions have been held at the principal place of business since 1915. More than 7000 stamp auctions have since been held there.



The stamp issued for the 275th anniversary of the Dorotheum

When the Emperor founded this institution, he attempted to thwart the usury practices when people needed cash and wanted to pawn or sell items. For centuries the Dorotheum has filled this need vary ably. Following the end of WWII it was especially valuable for the Viennese. People were desperate to buy clothes that were not available in stores until three years or more after the end of the war. Among the items offered for auction at that time were, among many others like it, "*Lot of various socks, used,*" or "*Woman's brown leather shoes, size 34, well worn*". As might be expected in this situation, the AROMA in the auction rooms reflected the items offered for auction.

The writer has visited this place every time when in Vienna. The philatelic section, as well as the jewellery (and possibly others) carry many items available for immediate sale. The antique furniture and art on display beats many museums, especially when one considers that all of the items will soon be offered at auction. Also on the premises is a snack bar, offering the finest of Viennese coffees or teas, not to mention the array of Viennese pastries such as Sachertorte, Strudels and many others.

Current auction catalogues are available online at www.dorotheum.com. The email address is stamps@dorotheum.at.

A New Canadian Variety

This is a constant variety on the 3-cent value of the Beneficial Insects definitives and occurs on the first 4 stamps of the 2nd row (i.e. stamps #11, 12, 13 & 14). There is no space following the last "a" in "Canada". The remaining 46 positions on the sheet do have a space of about 2 mm.



I don't claim to be the discoverer as I received the info from Robin Harris via Peter Butler. What I do find interesting is that about six months have passed since the stamp was launched at ROYAL * 2007 * ROYALE and nothing has appeared in the philatelic press.

It is my understanding that this will be a listed variety in the next Unitrade catalogue.

Garfield Portch

Planning For 2009

The St. Catharines Stamp Club will be the hosts of the 81st convention of The Royal Philatelic Society of Canada – ROYAL * 2009 * ROYALE.

Dates and venue are now confirmed as June 12 to 14, 2009 at the Parkway Convention Centre in St. Catharines.

In addition to the exhibition and bourse, the organizing committee is planning to hold an auction. Canada Post is also scheduled to launch a new stamp at this event.

While details are still a bit vague, it will be worth visiting the official website www.royal2009.ca.

For the non-collector, there are lots of things to see and do in the Niagara region.

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Why Red Became Brown and Returned to Red

by Garfield Portch

When the Admiral Issue was introduced in 1911, the 2¢ red was the workhorse being the stamp paying the domestic single letter rate. This common value generally does not create too much excitement. The challenge here, however, is not the 2¢ red, but the domestic single letter rate and the stamp that was subsequently attached for that purpose.



On April 15, 1915, the introduction of the 1¢ War Tax created a need for a 3¢ value that was filled by a red 2¢ + 1¢ (MR 3) issued on January 1, 1916. As it turned out, there was a subsequent conflict of colours as red was still the colour of the 2¢ needed for U.P.U. post cards and red was also used for the 2¢ War Tax (MR 2). The conflict was resolved by amending the colour of the 3¢ to brown (MR 4) in August 1916. In September 1917, the postage and war tax were combined into a single 3¢ rate used on both the Confederation Issue (#135) and the new Admiral Issue (#108).

In June 1922, the 2¢ was changed from red to green and the 1¢ from green to yellow as a result of the doubling of the U.P.U. printed matter rate. At the same time, the U.P.U. post card rate was increased from 2¢ to 6¢ thus rendering the 2¢ red unnecessary. On December 14, 1923, the 3¢ was changed from brown back to red (#109) to comply with the convention of having a red stamp pay the domestic single letter rate.

On July 1, 1926, the 1¢ war tax on first class letters and post cards was repealed. The rate for domestic letters returned to 2¢. To meet the new demand for 2¢ stamps and to use up the large surplus of 3¢ reds, remaining stocks of the 3¢ were overprinted with a 2¢ value by both The King's Printer (#139) and the Canadian Bank Note Company (#140) with each experiencing a high spoilage rate.

The End? not really! The Admiral Issue was retired from use when replaced by the Scroll Issue in 1928. The domestic letter rate was increased to 3¢ in 1931. In order to meet the immediate need for a 3¢ red stamp, surplus stocks of the Admiral 3¢ red coil stamp (#130) were withdrawn and perforated horizontally (#184).

Who says that common value stamps are not interesting or exciting?

Introduction to Exhibit Preparation

by Garfield Portch

Plan the Exhibit

- Determine the title. You are judged on how well you cover your chosen and specific subject. Don't describe an exhibit "19th Century Canada" if you don't have samples of the Pence issues.
- Write an index to determine the contents of each page
- Rough out individual pages. I recommend using approval sheets with 8 or more rows.

Write-up

- Be neat
- Pages can be done by computer, typewriter, ink or pencil. The important issue is neatness and legibility.
- Do not prepare elaborate decorations on pages. A philatelic exhibit is neither an art show nor an illustrated article.
- Don't be afraid to scrap a page that is not to your satisfaction.

Page Lay-Out

- Don't crowd the stamps
- Ignore conventions regarding the number of stamps per page. Use your own judgment.
- Avoid geometric designs such as pyramids
- Look at magazine advertising for layout ideas

Be Self Critical

- Is the best you can do?
- Are you satisfied with the overall appearance of each page and the exhibit as a whole?
- When viewing the entire exhibit, does it interest you?

Try Exhibiting – You Might Like It!

- Don't miss an opportunity to exhibit because you might not win the top award.
- No exhibitor is a loser! Philatelic skills and collections can be improved through lessons learned in exhibiting.

Bonus

- Most of the lessons learned from exhibiting apply equally to the assembly of your collection even if it isn't for exhibition.
- What makes good viewing for exhibition is also good private viewing.



Local Postal History is Fun & Educational
Garfield Portch



As a long-time resident of Etobicoke, this single folded money-letter has become one of the favourites in my collection.

It demonstrates two significant changes in mail handling procedures that were enacted by regulation in the 1840's. First, on August 10, 1843 a new regulation stated: "...make a legible impression of your office stamp on the back of each letter, thus showing the actual day of its reception at your office... Postmasters not provided with dated stamps will supply the want with pen and ink..." Second, effective January 5, 1844: "The present mode of charging postage on letters sent by Post...according to the number of enclosures, is to cease, and all letters are to be charged by weight...The Rates of Postage to be charged...are to be computed as heretofore according to the tables of distances...at one rate for each ½ ounce or fraction thereof."*

This letter posted at Kingston has a handstamp showing the date as November 4, 1846, a **PAID** handstamp and a manuscript 11½

(currency – the equivalent of 10d sterling) all in red.

Although addressed to the Etobicoke Post Office, the letter was received at Cooksville on November 6 where it was properly stamped and marked "missent to" before being re-directed to Etobicoke. All of the Cooksville markings are in black. The Cooksville receiving stamp was not supplied with indicia and thus required a pen and ink date notation.

The letter was subsequently received at Etobicoke on November 8 where it was stamped in blue with the date also being inserted by pen and ink.

My research continues as I try to discover the identity of Napoleon Henriod, the addressee, and Simcoe Graing who was to receive the letter for Henriod.

* Regulatory information and rates is taken from CANADA'S REGISTRY SYSTEM: 1827-1911 by Horace Harrison. Published by the American Philatelic Society in 1971.

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Here is a cover of great interest to all of the York & Halton County collectors. Mailed from Colchester England on July 24 1846 and addressed to: Mr. William James Dickson, care of Mr. George Burnett of the City Council, Toronto Upper Canada.

Care of the 4-time Mayor of Toronto- 1837,1848-50
and the Founder of the York "Courier of Upper Canada".

Paid "KJ 25 JY 25 1846" applied at London and "L JY 25 H" applied at Liverpool. Received at "Toronto AU 24 1846 UC". This was sent per Cunard Steamer "Caledonia" on her 29th voyage leaving Liverpool on August 4 arriving in Boston on August 18 1846. This was sent via closed bag mail from Liverpool to Montreal via Boston so no US receivers would be on the back.



Rated 1/2 sterling-1/4 currency and prepaid 1/0 British internal, packet and US transit and marked "MORE TO PAY 2" the colonial portion at Liverpool.

At Montreal the "2½ Currency" handstamp (Arnell type B-6) was applied, that being the conversion of the "more to pay 2" to Canadian currency.

At Toronto this was redirected to Trafalgar and charged an additional 2½ pence redirection fee for a total of 5 pence currency.

Mr. George Burnett (1792-1861) was the founder of the *York Courier of Upper Canada* newspaper 1829-1837, Mayor of Toronto 1837,1848-50 and Police Magistrate of Toronto in 1851.

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