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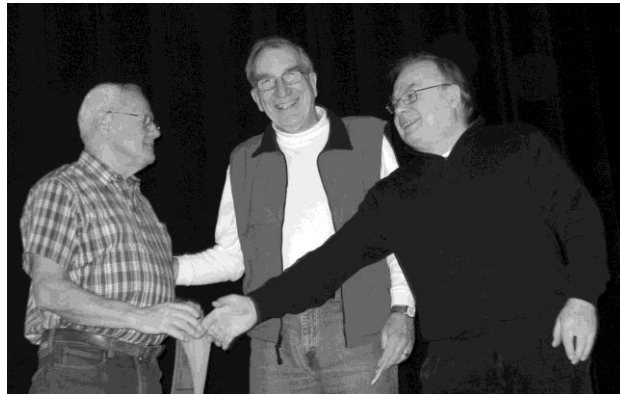
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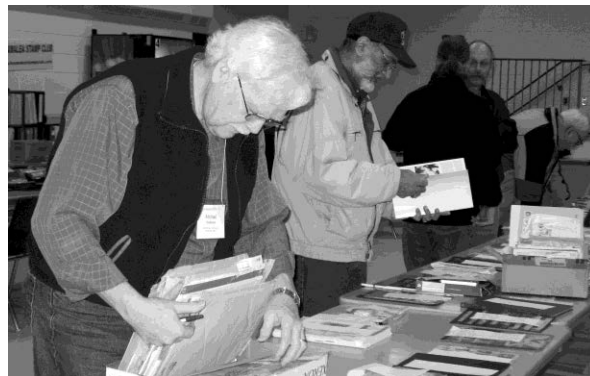
MEETINGS

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Wednesday at the
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*We work best when we work
together*



Garfield Portch presented a GTAPA Certificate of Merit to Paul Williams recognizing his long service as the manager of the Bramalea Stamp Club circuits. Bob Thorne, president, extends congratulations.



The auction table was alive with activity



Arriving guests were warmly greeted by Bill Dean. Among the handouts were back issues of PhilaJournal.

A Short Introduction To Pneumatic Mail

by Jerry Piotrowski

The year 1853 saw the installation of a pneumatic tube system designed to speed the dispatch of telegrams between the London Stock Exchange and the nearby Central Station of the Electric Telegraph Company. It was not long before postal authorities began installing similar systems for the transport of mail between branches.

The installations consisted of a system of underground tubes linking area Post Offices. The tubes ranged in diameter from 3 inches to as much as 36 inches in the case of the connection between the main post office at Camden Town and the Euston Square railway station in London. Mail was placed into cylinders and propelled to its destination using either compressed air or a vacuum system.

U.S. cities that used such pneumatic mail transportation systems included Boston, Philadelphia, Chicago, St. Louis and New York City where the system operated until 1953. Some European operations lasted even longer. Vienna operated until 1956, Berlin till 1976, Paris till 1984 and Prague where parts were still in use as late as 2002 until severe flooding of the system caused it to be mothballed indefinitely.

Mail from many pneumatic mail systems bears no special markings to indicate that the item was ever transmitted that way. However some postal administrations provided preprinted postal stationery for use in their systems.



The Berlin pneumatic mail system called Rohrpost, (literally "Pipe post"), issued both special envelopes and postal cards. As the mail was sorted a destination office number would be hand written on the item before it was placed into a cylinders for routing to the appropriate destination office. At the receiving office the item would be struck with a receiving handstamp that had the same number.

Vienna, Austria prepared postal cards for use in their system. These cards were marked "Korrespondenz-Karte zur

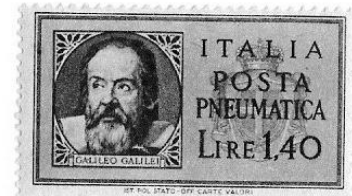
pneumatischen Expressbeförderung (Correspondence card for pneumatic express delivery). As in the case of the Berlin pneumatic mail, handwritten destination and handstamped receiving office numbers are seen on these items.



The Paris system had the most variety of preprinted stationery items over the course of its operations, including items marked Carte Pneumatique, Carte Télégramme, Télégramme and Enveloppe Pneumatique. Again most items show manuscript destination numbers and handstamped receiving information.



In Italy special postage stamps marked "Posta Pneumatica" were issued for use on mail sent through the tube system. A total of 22 Posta Pneumatica stamps were issued between 1913 and 1966.



Although no longer used by postal authorities for moving items of mail, pneumatic systems are still used by businesses and institutions such as hospitals for delivering internal paperwork and other items quickly and efficiently between departments.

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THE EDITOR'S SPACE

What an amazing five and a half years it has been. It doesn't seem that long, but I have now edited 22 issues of *PhilaJournal*. It has been one of the most interesting and rewarding experiences of my life. This does not mean to say, however, that we haven't had challenges.

As announced to the Board of Directors early this year, the time has come for me to move on to new challenges. I appear to have inherited the job of webmaster for the GTAPA site and also appear to be destined to take the same job for the West Toronto Stamp Club.

Before giving up this slot on page 3, I wish to thank the Board of Directors for giving me free rein to format and edit *PhilaJournal* as I saw fit. I also thank Ernie Nyitrai and Peter Butler for their assistance – without them the publication would have been non-existent. Special thanks go to the contributors, club reporters and advertisers who gave a purpose to *PhilaJournal*.

I also wish to state my appreciation to our many readers who have expressed support and appreciation for my journalistic efforts.

We have been well rewarded with three medals in literature competition in 2007 and 2009.

My replacement has not yet been announced, but to that person I pledge my support.

gjp

DEADLINE

The Fall Issue of *PhilaJournal* will be distributed in the last week of August. Submissions must be in the editor's possession by the 8th of August, 2010.

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President's Message *by Larry Friend*

Royal membership is growing – several of our clubs have become chapter members. All of our clubs should be Chapter members and support our supporting body “The Royal Philatelic Society of Canada”.

The Ajax Philatelic Society has voted to become Royal members as well as Oshawa/Whitby. Ajax will be taking advantage of the Liability Insurance through the Royal.

Royal membership is very important to help growth of our great hobby. Not only does it give your group national exposure – it also enhances your clubs reputation as a secure and progressive organization – it also helps keep us informed what is going on in the stamp community at large.

Together we grow stronger – The Royal offers an opportunity to grow our hobby by sharing valuable ideas and initiatives that help strengthen your club.

Another area we can create growth – visit your neighboring clubs. In the past few months I have had the opportunity to visit stamp clubs at Bramalea, Trenton, Peterborough, Ajax and Cobourg. At each of these clubs I

have been able to take back ideas to help strengthen our own stamp groups in the Durham region. The opportunity to look at how some clubs run there sales circuits, club auctions and fund raising are just few of the programs to be learned from.

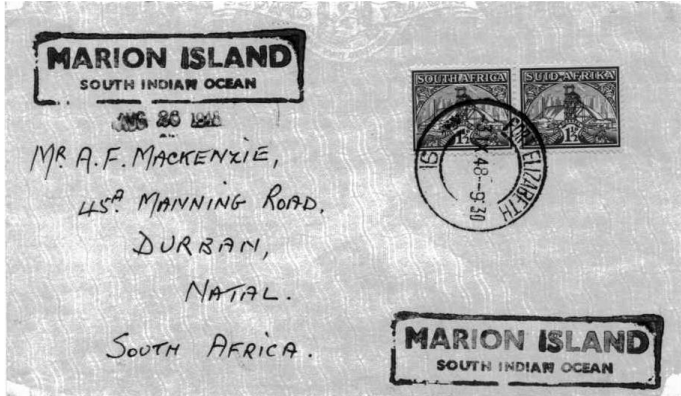
There have been a number of Shows and Bourses throughout our area that I hope you took the time to enjoy. There are many more coming up put on by our own GTAPA member clubs – check the Club News section for details.

There is a great show coming up just outside the Toronto Region that has a great history of success. Kawartha Stamp Club is putting on its 54th Annual Stamp Show “KAPEX” Saturday March 27th, 9.30 am to 4.30 pm – For more info contact Ted Lichacz – email ttlichacz@hotmail.com. “KAPEX” draws participation for hundreds of miles in all directions – well worth the drive. This Show and Bourse, is perhaps one of the best organized events of the season, an event we can all learn from and take information and ideas back to our own club's membership.

Seek and Ye Shall Find

by John Wilson

As a regular purchaser of Gibbons Stamp Monthly, I had seen this item before – in the September issue! Imagine, then, my surprise when it turned up in a dealer's box at the recent North Toronto bourse, priced at 50% off as the show was about to close...



I enjoy accumulating the philatelic evidence of the Antarctic regions, and knew of the existence of Marion Island, but had never previously had anything sent from it. Unsurprising – because it is one of the most remote and untenanted places on Earth. It has been known since 1663, but was never claimed by any nation, lying as it does some 1700 km. south and a little east of Port Elizabeth. It was used by sealers and a vague suzerainty was claimed by Britain, which offered a guano lease in 1908 and a whaling license in 1926 to entrepreneurs.

However, in 1947 the South African government made a formal claim to both Marion Island, and its neighbor Prince Edward Island, by sending the HMSAS *Transvaal* to raise the flag. The landing was made on December 29, 1947 and the ship left shortly thereafter. Sister ships *Natal* and *Gentoos* brought labourers and supplies and a research station was constructed. The philatelic story begins on January 28, 1948, when the base was first manned by a party brought to Marion Island by the HMSAS *Cape of Good Hope*. The team sent to man the base consisted of six Tristan Islanders – inured, it was hoped, to the depressing rain and cold of the island – and in charge was Allan Crawford, the meteorologist who was responsible for the famous “potato stamps” of Tristan, and a principal agitator for Tristan to have its own stamps.

Crawford brought a cachet, and having been formally appointed Acting Postmaster, he applied it to a few items sent on the return voyage. More substantial mails were sent out eight more times in 1948, each item receiving the cachet plus a small date-stamp beneath it. The team, including Crawford and his cachet, were relieved and sent home August 28, 1948 – two days after my item was dated. It entered the South African mails at Port Elizabeth on September 3.

The scientific base on Marion Island has been continuously occupied, up to 50 strong, since that first year. A variety of cachets were used to identify mail, but in 1958 a permanent post office was established using semi-pictorial cancels. But, collectors – realize your limits! So numerous were the requests for servicing covers that the scientific community there found the labour of stamping souvenir envelopes too tedious and the post office was closed in the early 1980s. Subsequent mails were cancelled aboard the supply ship *M. V. Agulhas* (very colourfully!) and a recent land-based cancel is also found, applied in Cape Town itself. I have little interest in the more modern material, but am delighted with my sole cover to date, handled by Crawford himself.

Footnote to This Story

by John Wilson



Tristan has recently issued a set of stamps honouring the recently-deceased Allan Crawford (he made it to 94 and was still active in the Friends of Tristan da Cunha organization to the end). Two of the values show Crawford in his prime, and the second shows the “potato stamp”. He designed a set of values, hoping to have stamps authorized for use on Tristan. He actually had 20,000 copies of the red one printed in South Africa. At the time, four large potatoes were worth a penny, but no-one had any actual money...The Tristan stamp web site shows these and says, I think, that 4 potatoes were worth three cigarettes in 1947.



GTAPA MEMBER CLUBS' NEWS & ACTIVITIES

Ajax Philatelic Society

Meets on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays each month from 6.30pm to 9pm at the Ajax Public Library on Harwood Ave South (south of the 401).

Having been in existence for over 30 years, by spring of 2009 the club was in dire straits with declining attendance and mass resignation of most of the executive. A letter was circulated to all members to ascertain if there was sufficient interest to keep the club going and to solicit advice on what could be done to re-invigorate the members) or to fold the club and to attend a final meeting to vote on the outcome.

Approximately 17-20 members attended and after vigorous debate it was decided to keep the club going and to proceed with the Apex 30 Show. While no formal executive exists a number of individuals have stepped forward to carry out the duties required.

The attendance at club meetings has now doubled with 20 to 25 people present to give spirited bidding on the auction lots and we have also attracted some new members. The club has now rejoined GTAPA and also the RPSC as a Chapter.

At the second meeting in January a lecture on Perforations Part 2 was presented by member **George Vandenberg**. This was well received and George offered some very interesting insights into the varieties of the printing/ perforation process and invited members to check their stamp holdings. A print out was provided giving extensive calculations of perforation differences.

Mark your calendar for Feb. 27th as the club hosts the Apex 30 Show & Sale with 17 dealers, a club table with circuit books and sale items. Time 10am - 4pm in the Ajax Community Centre (HMS Ajax room) at the south end of the complex. The centre is located on Harwood Street South of Bayley. There is plenty of free parking and wheelchair access. Free admission with hourly draws. A great facility with an unlimited supply of stamps for all interests. There are also lunch facilities in the room.

For more information contact -

Roy Haina (during the day) at 905-259-7487

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Don Beaumont



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 club's annual Show and Bourse was held on Saturday February 6th. Thank you to all the club members who helped with the set-up and tear-down, greeted the visitors, ran the auction and refreshment tables and all the other tasks that are required for the successful running of a show.

During the show PhilaJournal editor **Garfield Portch** presented a Greater Toronto Area Philatelic Alliance Certificate of Merit to club member **Paul Williams** in recognition of his outstanding efforts in managing the club's sales books.

The following is a list of the exhibits shown by club members:

The Four Cent Lincoln From The Liberty Series, Don Garlick; Commercial Airways Ltd., Steve Johnson; St Pierre and Miquelon, Steve Johnson; A Semi-Official look at Laurentide Air Service, Patricia Airways and Exploration Ltd and Commercial Airways. Steve Johnson; Mountains on Stamps, Paul Nicholls; Poland 1941-48, Issues Of The Government In Exile And Other Issues, Jerry Piotrowski; A Selection Of One Page Exhibits, Jerry Piotrowski; Censored covers of Trinidad, Terminal, Transit, Military. Bob Thorne; Picture Postage, Henry Vander Top

Upcoming Tuesday night themes are:

March 16 Actors
April 20 2010 Olympics
May 18 Stamps on postcards

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.

The objective of the club is to provide a meeting place to enjoy the hobby.

Doug Cockburn



Insurance & Banking Philatelic Society

The Club meets on the third Thursday each month at the premises of Hampton Securities, 141 Adelaide Street West, Toronto. Guests are welcome, but should contact the president **Joe Janthur** (phone 416-364-4112), or secretary **Herb Kucera** (phone 416-494-1428) before attending meetings to avoid problems with the security systems at the premises.



North Toronto Stamp Club

The club welcomes guests to all its meetings, which are held on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of each month except July August and December. Members begin arriving between 6:30 and 7:00pm to visit dealer tables, peruse club circuit books, examine table auction lots, or simply chat and trade with fellow members and visitors. A short business meeting follows at 7:30pm (mainly announcements) followed by a pre-arranged presentation, workshop, or seminar. There is usually time after the programme to return to the dealer tables and club sales circuit.

Visit <http://NorthTorontoStampClub.TK> for up to date details as programmes may be subject to change.

Meetings are held at the Yorkminster Park Baptist Church, 1858 Yonge Street, just a short walk north of the St. Clair TTC subway station. For an emailed copy of the NTSC's most recent newsletter, contact the editor at joel@joelruimy.com

A major project of the North Toronto Stamp Club for March and April will be a presentation over two evenings, titled, "*You can't take it with you!*" The reference, from a cartoon of several years ago,

shows a stamp collector with his album under his arm, standing in front of St. Peter at the Pearly Gates. You guessed it! The collector is being informed that the collection doesn't enter with him. The challenge will be for our presenters to cover several important topics over the two evenings, to enable members to get authoritative suggestions and choices to plan for disposition of their collections. We have invited a stamp dealer, an auction house, an accountant and an insurance broker to review the options open to collectors when disposing of collections prior to death, leaving all the arrangements to family or the executor of your will. Topics will include: how to create a proper inventory, appraisals of your collection, willing your collection to your stamp club or The RPSC, proper insurance, bank safety deposit boxes and much more.

Dates will be announced on the GTAPA website (gtapa.org) by the end of February. Just click on the NTSC pages for the information. Members of GTAPA clubs are invited to attend the seminars. Please let **Peter Butler** know (416-690-4666) of you plan to join us.

Other activities through the late winter will include the club's annual spring auction and an evening devoted to presentations with the judge's critiques of exhibits shown at the CSDA Show April 9 to 11. Don't forget the North Toronto Stamp Bourse at Yorkminster Park Baptist Church on March 20th. All these NTSC events and more will be posted on the GTAPA website.

For more information about the club, its meetings and programmes please contact president **Leon Matthys** (lmatthys@sympatico.ca) at 647-505-8461 or **Peter Butler** (pbutler@ilap.com) at 416-690-4666.



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 \$5.00 per year. NYPS is a member of Royal Philatelic Society of Canada.

NYPEX will take place on March 27, 2010 from 10am to 3pm at the Herb Carnegie Arena in the Silver Blade Room. The spring auction will take place on April 21, 2010 starting at 7.00pm.

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/Whitby stamp groups meet 3 times every week, twice in Oshawa, on Wednesday evenings from 6. Pm to 8.30. pm, at Conant Seniors Centre on 115 Grassmere Ave. Oshawa and Friday mornings from 10.45 am to 1 pm at Legends Community Centre 1661 Harmony Rd. N. Oshawa. Both clubs operate year round.

The Whitby Group meets every Monday morning 10 am to noon at Whitby Seniors Building, 801 Brock Street Whitby – from Sept 14th, 2009 to May 17th 2010.

There are now more than 200 members with average weekly attendance of 75 to 85 at the 3 meetings. The Friday meetings is especially popular with members coming from as far away as Brighton, Trenton, Peterborough, Queensville, Barrie, Toronto and places in between. The Wednesday evening meeting is growing well. At all venues there is a significant number of ladies attending.

The Group's function is to encourage seniors (and junior collectors) to start, restart and expand their collections or, if they desire the cash, assist them to dispose of their excess material or inherited collections through club auctions or public auction houses.

Many of our members, since the revitalized Ajax Stamp Club opened for '09/'10 season, are attending the Ajax meetings and their Bi-monthly Club Auctions. – Great news!

There are 2 live voice auctions yearly of approx. 400 quality lots and 2 silent auctions each year of approx. 200 lots.

SPRING AUCTION – OUR 7TH LIVE AUCTION - SUNDAY APRIL 25TH – viewing starts at 10 am – AUCTION STARTS AT 12.45 – HOT LUNCH AVAILABLE – at THE CONANT COMMUNITY CENTRE, 115 GRASSMERE AVE. OSHAWA

With our large membership you always find fresh material available at each meeting. Every meeting members offer surplus stamps and collections to each other starting at 5 cents per stamp. We are always looking for new members with more stamps.

For more information – please contact –

Jim Stevenson – 905-576-4449 – Whitby/Oshawa
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Ajax/Whitby/Oshawa

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Larry Friend – 905-723-8798 – Oshawa/Whitby

Or email – lfriend@sympatico.ca

Larry Friend



Polish-Canadian Coin and Stamp Club

Club *Troyak*, meets on the last Sunday of each month, 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: Polish-Canadian Coin & Stamp Club "Troyak" John Paul II Polish Cultural Centre, 4300 Cawthra Rd, Mississauga, ON L4Z 1V8 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 GTAPA.

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 *Troyak Junior Philatelic Club*, and **Zygmunt (Ziggy) Borowski** is the club's director. For more information, contact: Ziggy at 416-454-2790 or bzygmunt@hotmail.com.

"Troyak" Club next meetings are planned for ...
March 14, 2010 ... VII Polish – Canadian Coin, Stamp & Collectibles Show 2010 and March 28, 2010; April 25, 2010; May 30, 2010 and June 27, 2010.

MARCH 14, 2010, MISSISSAUGA, Ontario

VII Polish - Canadian Coin, Stamp & Collectibles Show 2010, at the John Paul II Polish Cultural Centre, 4300 Cawthra Rd. Mississauga, Ontario.

Organized by the Polish - Canadian Coin & Stamp Club "Troyak" of Toronto. Many tables of stamps, coins, medals, paper money, militaria & antique papers. Polish stamps expert info table.

Exhibits include John Paul II On World Stamps; Orders and Decorations of Poland; Polonica & historical souvenirs; Polish POW camps stamps of WWII; and Upper Silesia's stamps, coins, paper money, sports pins, medals & collectibles. Polish Mint info table. "Troyak Junior" table with boxes of free stamps for kids. Troyak special medal and show souvenirs. Free admission and parking. Refreshments available. Sunday March 14, 2010, from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

For info call: **Ignacy Kania** 905-273-7313 or **Wieslaw Grzesicki** 416-258-1651 or visit our websites:

www.troyakclub.com or info@troyakclub.com

New members are always welcome.

Robert Owczarż



Scouts On Stamps Society International Maple Leaf Chapter, SOSSI

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.

The remaining program for 2009/2010 includes:

Mar 21 – Kitchener - Scout House – Speaker

Apr 18 – Hamilton - Scout House – Clothesline

May 16 – Niagara Falls - Scout House/Museum
Speaker

If you would like to find out more about collecting Boy Scout and Girl Guide/Scout philatelic material, please contact

Tony Manson at (416) 447-4281 or

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Toronto Stamp Collectors' Club

On January, 8 members and 2 guests visited the First Toronto Post Office at 260 Adelaide St. E. We had a great visit and were very well received by the Director, **Janet Walters**.

If plans work out, we will have another Toronto Post Office visit on March 9th: this time to Station K Post Office, Yonge St. (at Montgomery Ave. north of Eglinton Ave.) On this occasion we will visit a postal museum which is maintained and operated as a hobby by an employee in the basement of station K.

Should any non-member of the Toronto club wish to participate, please call **Owen White** or **Michel Houde**, (416-703-6453) to check out details.

The TSCC meeting in April will be at our regular time (8 pm) on Tuesday 13th April, at the RCMI, 426 University Ave., Toronto. **Peter Butler** will present a programme on his collection of lighthouses on stamps.

For more information contact

Owen White at 416-481-4731

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Scarborough Stamp Club

The club will continue to meet at the Cedarbrook Community Centre at least for the remainder of the current year.

We will still meet in rooms #1 and #2 the first and third Tuesdays of each month except the second week of December due to our Christmas party which will be held on the first Tuesday of the month.

The first meeting each month will be a trading night and our club's circuit books will be available.

At the meeting on the third Tuesday each month, there will be a short official meeting. A member's draw (you must be present to win), a draw for which members may purchase tickets to win philatelic prizes, and an auction.

There may be a speaker to discuss some aspect of stamp collecting, and of course the circuit books will be available.

Meetings begin at 7:00 p.m. Upcoming meetings will be held on March 2nd & 16th, April 6th & 20th, May 4th & 18th and June 1st & 15th.

New members and guests are welcome at any of our meetings.

The Scarborough Stamp Club held its annual meeting ending of its 33rd year as a club at the Imperial Palace Restaurant on Eglinton Avenue. The night started with lots of good food after which our MC, Elaine Skinner welcomed members and guests. The donation draw was started with ten baskets made up by **Wendy Bargh** and **Alice Burke**. Everyone had fun picking the best of the fifty or so prizes that were both philatelic and non-philatelic. This was followed by games of bingo called by **Gayle Westacott**. A great night was had by all and we look forward to our 34th year.

For Info call Doug Cockburn at 416 - 757 -4072

Jim Carleton



Ukrainian Collectibles Society (Toronto)

The Ukrainian Collectibles Society (Toronto) meets on the first Monday of every month at 7:00 p.m. at the Ukrainian Canadian Social Services, 2445 Bloor Street West, Toronto. UCST is also a chapter of the Ukrainian Philatelic and Numismatic Society.

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For more information about the Ukrainian Collectibles Society (Toronto) contact **Jerry Kalyn** at 416-251-6898 or via email at ucst@upns.org.

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A special public exhibition will be held in Cloverdale Mall (Dundas St. West and The East Mall, in Etobicoke) on Saturday, 06 March 2010 from 10:00 to 6:00 pm showing between 20 and 30 standard frames of mounted exhibits assembled by our members.

The exhibition will consist of the following topics:

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The frames will be attended by the exhibitors to answer any questions.

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Gala Dinner:

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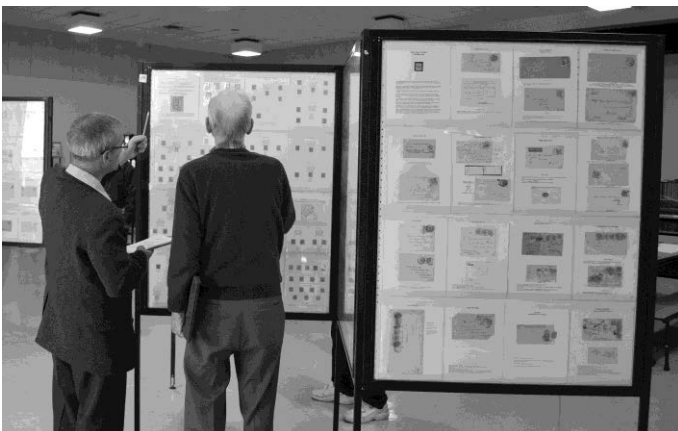
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by Gary Yu




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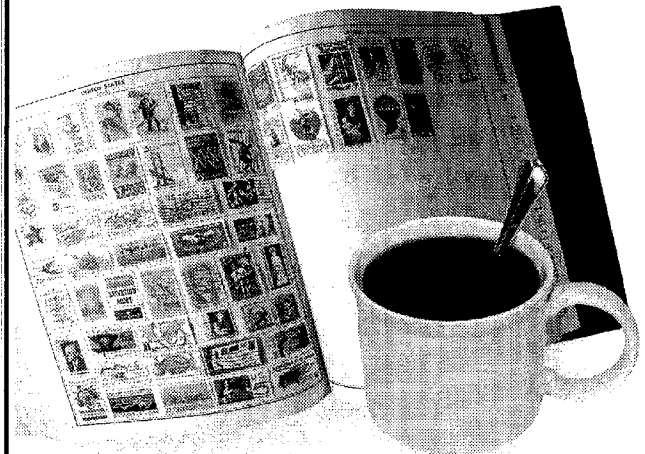


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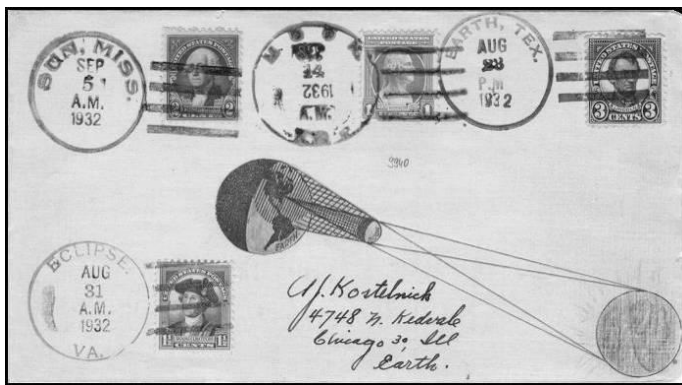
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A Presentation to Remember *Eclipse Philately at North Toronto Stamp Club*

by Peter Butler, FRPSC

Members of the North Toronto Stamp Club and guests from several other clubs in the GTAPA, were treated to an outstanding presentation at the club's first meeting in the new year. Following a short Annual Meeting at which the new executive for 2010 was introduced to the membership and coffee and pieces of a celebration slab cake were enjoyed, Program Coordinator **Peter Butler** introduced the evening's speaker, **David K. Foot**.

David combines his passion for philately with his enthusiasm for chasing eclipses across the globe. Professor Foot is recently retired from the University of Toronto, where he taught economics and demography. His book, *Boom Bust & Echo* (1996) was a best seller across Canada and beyond and was translated into several languages. He continues to be a very popular guest speaker and is invited to present at conferences around the world. As a stamp collector, he is a member of the Philatelic Specialists Society of Canada and, as mentioned, one of his special interests is eclipses on stamps and covers.



This hand-illustrated eclipse cover was postmarked at ECLIPSE, VA on August 31, 1932, the day that a total solar eclipse (TSE) passed over North America. The eclipse path started in the Arctic, passed over Hudson Bay where maximum totality occurred, and swept southeast over Quebec and New England before ending in the Atlantic. Maximum totality was 1 minute, 45 seconds. Eclipse, Virginia was not in the path of totality, although it did experience a partial solar eclipse (see cover for illustration).

In his fascinating presentation, David used relevant philatelic items to explain why total solar eclipses (TSE's) have held a fascination for both professional and amateur astronomers alike. He explored the characteristics of TSE's and the ways in which TSE's have been observed from land, sea and air. His expeditions to view TSE's, has made it possible for him to obtain many philatelic firsts, (often created by himself) buy eclipse stamps and covers first hand from many countries and obtain cancels as well as eclipse ephemera. His talk was illustrated with a wide variety of

philatelic material, from pre-stamp covers to cinderellas, and it was laced with many personal anecdotes that brought the events to life for the audience.

David's presentation lasted for over an hour ("Is it over already?" one enthusiast questioned) and for another 20 minutes audience members gathered around him to hear more of his stories, ask questions about his travels and enquire about the philatelic materials he has gathered. It was a very special meeting partly because of David's passion and enthusiasm for his topic and his philatelic treasures and partly because, as a gifted teacher, he was able to excite the audience that hung on every sentence and presentation photograph.

Harvey Shuter, the club's gifted cover maker, prepared a set of eight celebration covers using Canada's astronomy stamps of 2009, to present to David as tangible evidence of our appreciation for such an enlightening and entertaining evening.

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Ajax Philatelic Society Updates

It is quite exciting to see the enthusiasm generated by the club auction each meeting – membership is growing – new members coming on board – fresh ideas – just great! In fact, by resounding vote of confidence, the auctions will continue.

The club has just voted to rejoin the Royal Philatelic Society of Canada and join the Royal's Liability Insurance program.

The Ajax Philatelic Society would like to thank its members and members from the GTAPA clubs who have attended our bi-monthly meetings and club auctions.

Our club is growing in attendance and membership with each meeting.

The club auction at each meeting is drawing a great range of material and created much needed enthusiasm for our club. Club members are the only people who can contribute material to the auction – however, all meeting attendees are welcome to bid.

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the annual collection of all the stamps issued by Canada Post for 2009...

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Every year at this time, Canada Post announces that its annual collection of mint stamps from the previous year is on sale... at \$59.95 plus tax. "It brings together all of the definitive and commemorative stamps... in a single, beautifully illustrated, intricately designed volume," so it states on page three of the new book.

Robin Harris, Editor of *Corgi Times*, the fine newsletter of The Elizabethan II Study Group says, "Well half of that statement is correct... it is a great hardbound book with fascinating stories and images behind the stamp issues [and] I would recommend this publication to all collectors, however, it is not complete in terms of the stamps that were issued by Canada Post."

It's not the first time I've heard that criticism of the annual collection. If I remember correctly Robin has written about the volume being "not complete" before. I also remember thinking I really should find out what's missing and do something about it, but I never have. This year, the list of what is missing from the collection blew me away. There are 10 items not included in the package of "all definitive and commemorative stamps." Just read through this listing of what's not there and you will be thinking, as I did, of coming up with a better way to collect Canadian mint.

First, let's look at what is missing from the yearly package if you are counting on the new volume having everything inside:

- Olympic sports, five self-adhesive stamps from booklet panes
- Olympic mascot/emblems, five self-adhesive coils, three self-adhesive booklet singles and two large format coils
- Year of the Ox overprinted souvenir sheet
- Rhododendron flowers, two self-adhesive stamps from booklet panes
- Art Canada: Jack Bush, single 54¢ stamp from pane from 16
- Astronomy, two self-adhesive stamps from a booklet pane
- Recording Artists, four self-adhesive stamps from booklet panes
- Roadside Attractions. four self-adhesive stamps from booklet panes
- Lest We Forget, souvenir sheet of two stamps
- Christmas, three self-adhesive stamps from booklet panes

Robin explains that for the specialists, the self-adhesive singles are die-cut to shape which produces slightly different varieties than those from booklet panes. If that difference is not something you need to be concerned about then several of the varieties listed above

will not be of concern to you and will not be needed in your collection.

For those collectors/specialists that do what the varieties, it means that 33 stamps are missing from Canada Post's so-called complete collection. You would hardly be satisfied if you were counting on buying everything at one time instead of traipsing to the post office every month to buy stamps, only to find out that a third of the issues were not included. What's to do about this, because the answer is certainly not to give up on collecting mint Canada? Or is it? Before you make that decision, here's a plan that might influence your thinking.

The best way to get all the stamps is to buy Canada Post's quarterly packs. Have you seen them in many post office hanging on the wall behind the counter? They cost anywhere from \$2.60 to \$21.11, depending on the number of stamps enclosed. These packages include all the varieties listed above that are not in the yearly collection.



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2008	5 402008101 \$ 17 ⁸⁶ *	6 402008201 \$ 16 ⁰⁴ *	7 402008301 \$ 2 ⁶⁰ *	8 402008401 \$ 11 ⁹⁸ *
2007	9 402007101 \$ 21 ¹¹ *	10 402007201 \$ 8 ⁸¹ *	11 402007301 \$ 7 ²⁸ *	12 402007401 \$ 8 ⁵⁶ *
2006	13 402006101 \$ 16 ⁰⁶ *	14 402006201 \$ 14 ⁹⁶ *	15 402006301 \$ 8 ¹⁶ *	16 402006401 \$ 10 ⁰³ *
2005	17 402005101 \$ 18 ¹⁰ *	18 402005201 \$ 8 ⁸⁵ *	19 402005301 \$ 4*	20 402005401 \$ 8 ³⁰ *

If you haven't noticed the packs at the post office, check out page 11 of the latest *Collections* magazine. (Fall/Winter 2009 issue) It not only lists the four packages for 2009 but all the packs back to 2005. For me, the purchase of these quarterly packs is the way to go and it's a little easier on the pocketbook at four times a year. Another plus, as someone mentioned today, "I'm changing my way of purchasing mint stamps and I'll be saving shelf space too. Those yearly books are taking up too much room in my library." I'm thinking that before I make a change, I might check a few yearly collections with the listings in the *Unitrade* catalogue. Will all of the varieties I'm probably missing be listed there? Ouch... I'm no longer complete!

Peter Butler, FRPSC

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The MACHIN Corner

by Dave Moss

So where to start?

Probably the most difficult question a collector has to answer regarding the collecting of Machins (pronounced "May-chin") must be "What is to be the cut-off?"

With the abundance of Machins available, does one simply collect:

- A sample of each face value in its specific colour.
- A varied collection of each face value of Machins to help distinguish shades, printing methods, phosphors, perforations, papers and any other varieties.
- A range of Machins covering all the varieties associated with one particular face value.
- A range of stamps to demonstrate the diversification of one particular Machin colour. (e.g. green, brown, etc.)
- A range of stamps showing the way that a particular digit has changed over the life of Machins. (2 or 4 would be good examples)

All are a collector's prerogative and no one method can be regarded as either right or wrong, they are simply just different ways of addressing the problem.

From a starter's position the easiest solution may be to start collecting group a) and as one gains more knowledge and experience allow the collection to diversify into any or all of the other aspects.

Lets consider that you have decided to collect those in group a). One starts by looking for one example of each face value with the different colour combinations associated with it. To begin planning for the collection, it is suggested that one obtains a list of known items. There is a large number of catalogues around that will point a collector towards what are available (Scotts, Stanley Gibbons, Krause – Minkus, The Specialized Machins Catalogue, Deegam Machin Handbook, etc). The problem is that each one tends to list several varieties for each value and for a collector to remain faithful to group a) they will need to modify their list accordingly.

SIZE	DESCRIPTION	QTY
Small	Pre-Decimal Issues	16
Large	Pre-Decimal Issues	4
Small	National Issues	163
Large	National Issues	11
Small	Regional Issues	188
Small	"Penny Black" Anniversary Issues	6
Small	NVI Issues	12
Large	NVI Issues	2
Large	"Faststamp Post & Go" Issues	5
Large	"Horizon" Issues	1

As different variations are noticed and acquired it does not take a collector very long to realize that one copy of each face value results in a collection that tends to be somewhat inadequate and begs to be elaborated upon, and so the Machin bug bites.

RECOGNIZING VARIATIONS

With a view to alleviating some of the aggravations encountered in collecting Machins each article will attempt to explain/explore a common variation that has caused problems.

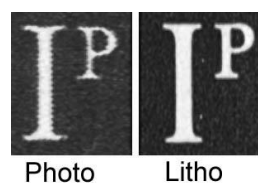
Photogravure and Lithography

These two main printing methods are a great cause of confusion. The subtle differences between stamps of the same value and colour I have learned are mainly because of the two printing methods involved, these being photogravure and lithography. Without knowing the true differences I began by separating the stamps with a "duller" appearance, these I learned later were the lithographed items.

Photogravure is made up of a series of recessed colour cells which overall results in showing more tones than lithography.

Lithography does not have recesses and so usually results in a much "flatter" looking image.

The easiest place to tell the difference between a stamp from a photogravure source and one from a lithographed source is around the denomination. Stamps in photogravure show a "lumpy" edge to the value while those in lithography show a very clean-edge to the value.



Acknowledgements are hereby given to Robin Harris of Adminware.com for use of his pictures.

These areas will probably need to be viewed through a good magnifying glass (I use a 10x). Also once an example has been identified it may be prudent to keep it close at hand to refresh the memory from time to time. Then as more experience is obtained in determining the differences it will become second nature.

So until next time good luck and happy sorting.

See Machin Study Group ad on page 19

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2009 Toronto Stamp Collectors' Club Christmas Dinner

by Michele Houde

On the 8th of December, the members of the Toronto Stamp Collectors' Club (TSCC) met at the Royal Canadian Military Institute for their annual Christmas dinner.



The TSCC was founded in 1892 making it the oldest stamp club in North America and one of the oldest in the world.

Fourteen members and guests attended the happy event. After a main course of prime roast beef, Yorkshire pudding and wine everyone settled back to listen to the evening's speaker. The guests of honour were **Mr. Milo Vassallo** and **Mrs. Rita Vassallo**. Mr. Vassallo is the former Consul General of Malta. He admitted not to being a stamp collector but countered that he is familiar with the hobby since his father was an avid collector.

Mr. Vassallo went on to describe his early years in Malta. He was born on the island and was only six when the war started. He recalled experiencing years of bombing and of spent night after night in bomb shelters. An uncle was killed in an air raid. For years, there were food shortages. Eventually he immigrated to Canada and became a citizen. Mr. Vassallo also spoke on other aspects of the colourful history of Malta which goes back to 5,200 BC.

After the question and answer session, Mr. Vassallo endeared himself to the members by supplying several interesting collections of Maltese stamps that were then raffled.

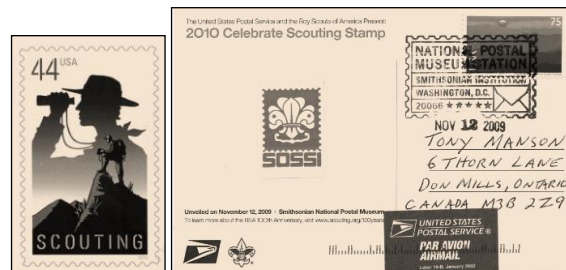
At the close of the evening, **Dr. Owen White**, President of the TSCC, presented Mr. Vassallo with a Life Membership in the Club. This is only the second time in its 117 year history that such an honour has been given.

New U.S.A *Celebrate Scouting* Stamp Unveiled

by Tony Manson

On November 5, 2009, the United States Postal Service issued a media advisory that a *Celebrate Scouting* stamp would be unveiled at the Smithsonian National Postal Museum in Washington, on November 12, 2009.

The Boy Scouts of America (BSA) were chartered in 1910 and thus are celebrating their 100th birthday this year. However, the United States Postal Service (USPS) has a policy that "stamps or stationery items shall not be issued to honor fraternal, political, sectarian or service/charitable organizations". The stamp issue is thus for a more general "100 years of scouting in America", rather than for the BSA organization. The stamp therefore just has the word "Scouting" along the bottom, and depicts the images of two different scouts in clothing and accessories that are often part of the outdoor scouting experience. The Boy Scouts of America shared the unveiling ceremony with the United States Postal Service.



A few things of interest surround this postal issue. The above images show the front and back of a "max card" available at the unveiling ceremony. It was jointly offered by the USPS and the BSA. The example shows one that has the National Postal Museum Station cancellation dated on the unveiling day, November 12, 2010. Does this mean we will now see more examples of early unveiling ceremonies and thus of official "unveiling day covers" as well as "first day covers"? Secondly, the announcement quoted an issue date of "July 2010", eight months after the unveiling date. That is certainly a long period before the stamps are actually issued.

The July 2010 date was chosen to coincide with the BSA National Jamboree to be held at Fort A.P. Hill in Virginia, July 26 – August 4, where 50,000 scouts and leaders will be in camp to celebrate 100 years of scouting. To create a focus on philately, SOSSI (Scouts On Stamps Society International) will have 25 members working with the scouts on their Stamp Collectors Merit Badge in the Merit Badge Midway area. As well, another 10 members will be part of the "lick-em, stick-em" group, preparing a variety of philatelic covers as souvenirs of the *Celebrate Scouting* stamp issue.

Greenland Cover Mystery

by Vijay Vijayakumar



Fig.1 Greenland to USA. March 31, 1956.

This registered cover from Greenland may look just an ordinary cover with a set of Greenland overprint stamps to a postal cover collector. However this single cover led to a philatelic mystery.

This registered cover was posted in **Sondre Strømfjord**, Greenland in March 31, 1956. Sondre Strømfjord is on Baffin Bay on the west side of Greenland near The Arctic Circle. It has a research station and a small airport with Greenland's longest runway. From time to time, flights from northern Europe to Canada or USA land here for refueling. Other than that, the only flight landing in this sub-Arctic airport is to bring supplies to the research station or military flights to the base on the other side of the runway. Most likely the letter was written by someone from the research station to a friend or a family member back in San Fernando, California. However looking at the stamps used to mail this letter, a set of overprints and neatly cancelled, tying all the stamps for proper rate and usage for that period indicates the sender must be a collector of covers or the least a stamp collector.

What makes this cover is unusual is the stamps on the cover. All of them are 1945 Denmark Liberation issue overprints, and all are overprint color error varieties. The overprint is "**DANMARK BEFRIET 5 MAJ 1945**". The 10ø purple and olive and 15ø red and bright ultramarine portray King Christian X of Denmark. The 30ø dark blue and red brown (Dog team), 1k brown and gray black (Polar bear), 2k sepia and deep green (Eskimo in Kayak) and 5k dark purple and dull brown (Eider duck)

Of the overprint colour errors, stamps which should have carmine overprint have blue overprints and those of which should have carmine overprints have blue overprints. Scott lists these overprint colour errors as 22a,

23a, 24a, 25a, 26a and 27a. The 2009 Scott catalogue value for the overprint error, used set is US\$ 1825.00 where as the overprint catalogue value for the same set, (used) is US\$ 840.00 (fig.2)

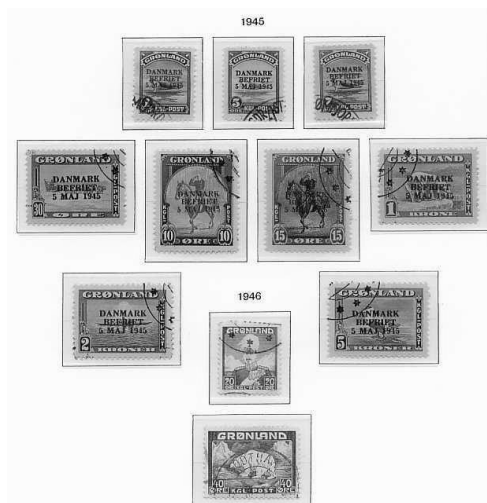


Fig.2 Complete set of Greenland stamps overprinted SC# 22, 23, 24, 25, 26 and 27

There are three strikes of "Sdr. Strømfjord" CDS, one ties both 22a and 23a, the 2nd ties all four 24a, 25a, 26a and 27a in the middle. The 3rd is on the top left corner of the cover arrived in San Fernando on April 4, shows on the backstamp. Registry was denoted by a preprinted registry label hand stamped "Sdr. Strømfjord".

Now the mystery of these stamps, the overprinting of this issue were extremely small with the official issues estimated at 3,000 or even less by the time they arrives at The Royal Greenland Trade company (KGH) in Copenhagen (fig.3). Every sheet was examined by KGH for colour variance and overprint. There were no records of such variants was found and sold at face value. All of them sold to in USA by the world largest wholesale company who was a monopolist at that time period, **H&J Stollow**.

May 17, 1945

Commercial Stationery Co.
54 New Street
New York City.

Att: Mr. J. Werner.

Gentlemen:

We hereby confirm our order to overprint 2718 sheets of Greenland Postage Stamps with the wording:

"DANMARK
BEPRIET
5 MAJ 1945"

The printing to be partly in red and partly in blue according to detailed description already submitted to you. The total cost of making the necessary plates and printing will be \$600.00.

You are to return to us all sheets delivered to you including such which may be spoiled or damaged.

We understand that you will make delivery within 3 weeks from today. It is also agreed that you shall furnish us with print proofs to be OK'd by us before the actual printing is begun.

Very truly yours,

DANISH CONSULATE GENERAL
GREENLAND SECTION

Ib Pedersen

IP/mb

Fig.3 Letter to Commercial Stationery Co from Danish Consulate General to overprint Greenland stamps.

Later it was learned that the majority of these stamps were not earmarked for sale in Greenland but for sale to J & H Stolow, who sold some of the sets to other stamps wholesalers in USA and Canada. (fig.4). There was a deal signed between Danish Consulate General, Greenland section and J&H Stolow (fig.5) for the immediate sale of 10,000 sets and another 10,000 sets within a year.

1. 15,000 sets to J&H Stolow, for their exclusive sale in USA, Canada and rest of the world.
2. 5,500 sets were sent to Greenland for official sale there, but were lost or disappeared in transit. It was rumored these were sent to J&H Stolow's operations in New York and forwarded from there to Greenland.
3. 9,000 sets were sent to Denmark for official sale there.
4. Only remaining 500 sets were sent to Greenland as replacements for those missing.

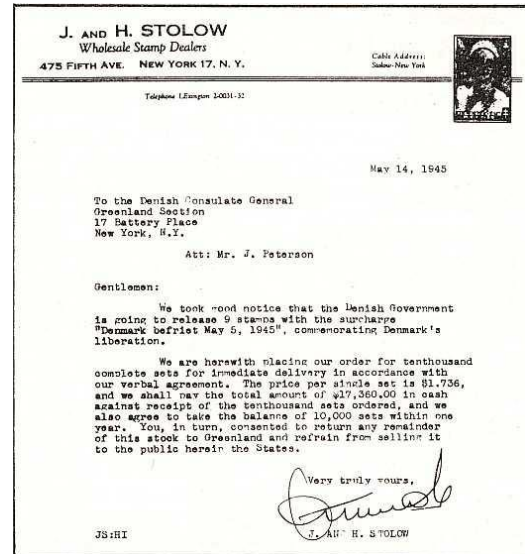


Fig.5 The agreement signed by the J&H Stolow to buy the Greenland stamps.

J. & H. Stolow:		
Komplette Set,.....	20,850	\$36,195.60
1 Øre.....	14,000	} 364.00
5 Øre.....	14,000	
7 Øre.....	14,000	
10 Øre.....	4,300	} 473.00
15 Øre.....	4,300	
30 Øre.....	4,300	
1 Krone.....	2,300	460.00
2 Kroner.....	1,000	400.00
		<u>\$37,892.60</u>
Gimbel Brothers, New York,.....	400	694.40
Ph. E. Papachristides, Montreal,.....	100	173.60
Danish Brotherhood of America,.....	100	173.60
Tribune Stamp Co. of N. Y.,.....	350	607.60
New York Stamp Co.,.....	100	173.60
Carl E. Pelander, New York,.....	300	520.80
American Beroling Co., N. Y.,.....	100	173.60
Stamp Auction Service, Chicago,.....	100	173.60
A. E. Fads, Denver, Colo.,.....	1,500	2,604.00
Home of Postage Stamps, N. Y.,.....	100	173.60
H. E. Harris & Co., Boston,.....	100	173.60
Coronet Stamp Co., N. Y.,.....	100	173.60
Jack Kantor, New York,.....	200	347.20
Helge E. Parva, Los Angeles,.....	100	173.60
Columbia Stamp Co., N.Y.,.....	100	173.60
R. H. Mowrer, San Francisco,.....	100	173.60
Leo Besser, New York,.....	100	173.60
Joseph Godlef, Brooklyn,.....	200	347.20
P. Bragman, New York,.....	100	173.60
A. D. Schich, Chicago,.....	100	173.60
Crossman Stamp Co., New York,.....	100	173.60
H. Rileski, Toronto, Canada,.....	200	347.20
	4,650	<u>\$8072.40</u>

Fig.4 Copy of the Dealers in USA and in Canada who purchased the Greenland stamp set.

Of the 30,000 sets printed, following is the breakdown of how they were distributed.

Now the biggest question arises, who ordered and received the overprint colour error stamps? They were never officially ordered and none of them was sold in Greenland or Denmark. The evidence points to J & H Stolow, who must have ordered the colour error, but in what quantity? No one knows. Was there any secret agreement between Danish consulate, Greenland section and J & H Stolow to deliberately print the overprinted colour error? or did Stolow receive the color error directly from the printer without the knowledge of the Greenland Consulate?

To this date Danish and Greenland Postal authorities have maintained that there was no overprint colour error either ordered or received. Now, all evidence is pointing finger at J & H Stolow. They have in the past openly ordered and printed various bogus stamps and sold them to other dealers. One such example is the stamp for the non-existent county, "Republic South Moluccas", printed at the Austrian Federal Print Office.

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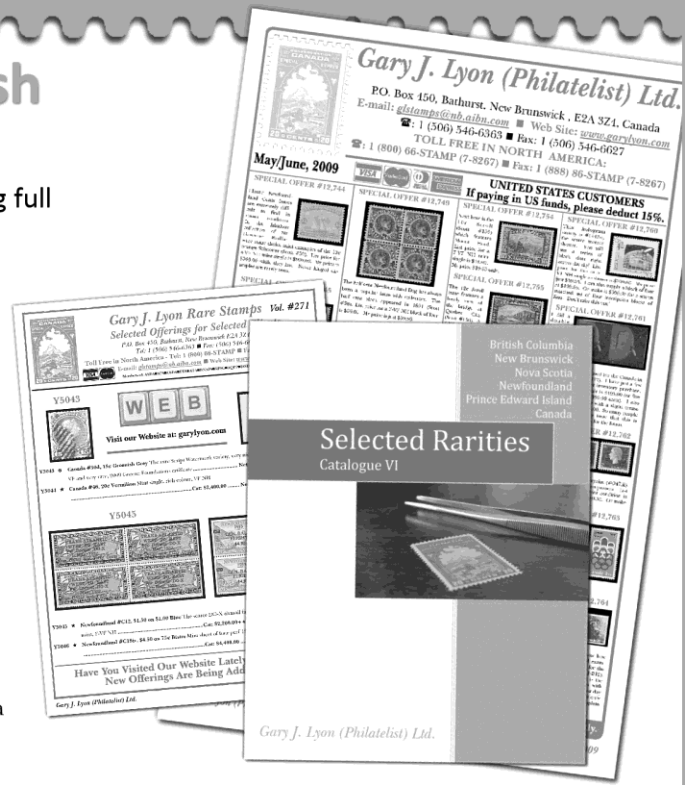
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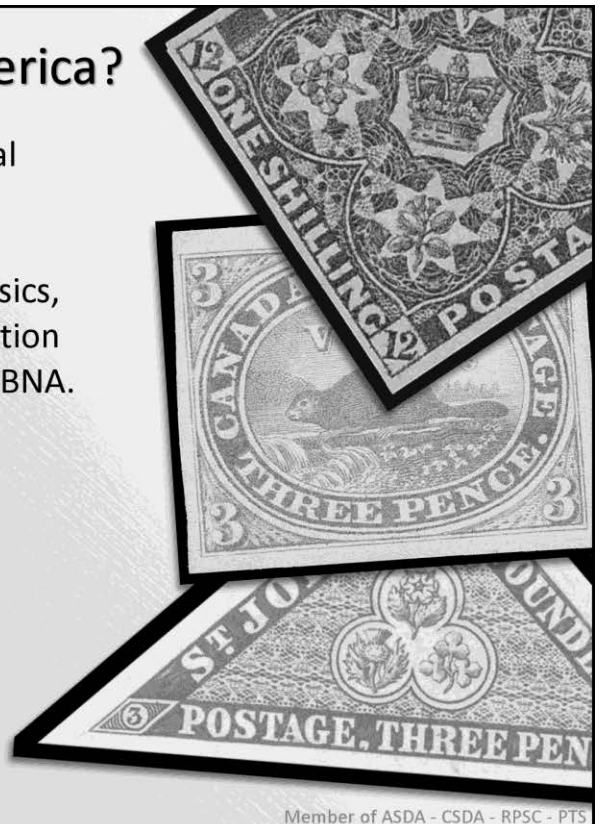
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