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The Editor's Input

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It's Showtime!

Spring might mean gardening and cottage preparations for some people but for the philatelist it is time get out the want lists, dust off the road maps and set off for some stamp shows. Although I am just a casual collector, I love the shows. It's not just the stamps, covers, postcards and ephemera but the people. I see so many devoted collectors doing what they love best....looking for that one item or showing a colleague their great "find".

As soon as Larry started sending me the advertisements for this issue and the club representatives began forwarding me their announcements for upcoming events...bourses, sales, auctions, I felt like putting on my tap shoes, getting out my top hat and dancing into Spring!

We have a great number of opportunities, both near and far, to enjoy our hobby in the coming months! I hope to see you at some of the events. Turn directly to page 23 to see what fits into your calendar. That's where the listing begins. And remember to send me your notifications for the next issue, Summer 2014!

I would also like to recommend pages 36 and 37, the CLASSIFIED ads. Why don't you put an ad in? The cost is only \$5.00. It would be a simple way to find that special item that you are looking for to complete a one pager or to enhance your collection in some way. On the other hand, you might have something that you would like to sell. Either way, you could benefit. This is an area of the PhilaJournal that I would like to expand.

It is actually a challenge to think of summer right now. As I write this we are still in winter's grip and my snow shoveling arms are aching. The winter has been full of surprises. Everyone has a story to tell about being without electricity, hosting unplanned guests, being stranded on the highway, eating a scaled down Christmas dinner and, perhaps, sorting stamps by candle light. Unfortunately some of the incidents did not end well. I hope that you were all safe and wear no scars.



Due date for a CLASSIFIED ad in the Summer issue is April 23, 2014

The President's Viewpoint

Larry Friend

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Selling Your Stamps

A question that comes up, and that I am asked repeatedly, is, "How should I price stamp(s) to sell them at my stamp club, at club auctions or online?"

In too many cases, collections, lots, sets, or singles do not sell because they are priced too high or poorly displayed. You often hear the seller state, "I don't know why it didn't sell". In many cases the item did not sell because it was overpriced. The value in a seller's eye is often different from that of the prospective buyer.

After preparing lots and singles from many collections in the past few years, several things have become quite clear.

If you are preparing to sell a single stamp or small set:

- Realistic pricing and proper preparation are essential.
- Place the stamp(s) in a clean or new 102 card, clearly listing the catalogue value and sale price.
- Use a white 102 for used stamps, and 102b (black) for mint stamps.
- On a used stamp, a perforation can disappear against black because of the cancel covering a perforation.
- Use a computer or print clearly, the identification and price.
- Listing price should be one third of the catalogue price or less.

If you are selling a collection:

- Realistic pricing and proper preparation are essential.
- Remove any damaged or heavily cancelled stamps, the cleaner the stamps are the better.
- Remove or clean up any damage or dirty pages, place in clean binders.
- Again, use a computer or write clearly the catalogue value and sale price.
- Collections generally sell for 15 to 20 percent of catalogue value.

If you are selling on line or at an auction:

- Realistic pricing and proper preparation are essential.
- Start the bidding low to encourage multiple bids.
- Price less than 25 percent of catalogue value for singles or sets.
- Price a collection or bulk lots at 10 to 15 percent of catalogue value.

- Clear reproductions are very important to display items for sale.
- Use large lettering and coloured ink in the printing and description.
- Use lots of adjectives.

It seems to me that the above points are just common sense but some sellers never get the message and, as a result, are discouraged by the results.

Dealers will often offer different ways to sell your items for you, either through their auctions or through direct sales. There are advantages of selling your collection to a dealer or using a dealer's auctions to dispose of material.

Generally, a dealer will take all your material at a fair price. That saves you time and effort. Keep in mind though, that the dealer has overhead (such as advertising and a place of business) and must do all the work to prepare your material for sale or auction. His time costs you money. It is a good idea to organize your material in advance.

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- They usually have a wide range of inventory to fill want lists. They are more accessible than a club that meets only twice a month.
- Dealers are supporters of our great hobby, and continue to promote the hobby through advertising and auctions. Their expenses are factored into your profit.
- Most dealers have a great deal of knowledge and can offer help to the collector through the sharing of information and identification of philatelic material.
- Many stamp collectors do not belong to a club and depend on the services of dealers to fill their collecting needs.
- Dealers and stamp clubs make a great partnership.
- Remember that catalogue prices are a guide for dealers to sell material, not to buy. Or to put it another way, catalogue prices are a guide for what a dealer will sell you stamps, not buy them.

If you know collectors who complain that their stamps are selling for too low a price, or they are not pleased with how high prices are to purchase stamps, encourage them to read this article.



***Check out the Spring Shows on pages 23,
24, 25 and 26 !***

Stamp Collecting: Time and Patience

In the Nov/Dec. 2013 issue of *Topical Time*, Leslie Seff wrote:

"I have often wondered why stamp collecting as a hobby has diminished over the past 20-25 years. An answer must definitely lie in the fact that our highly technological society, computers, email, cell phones and all kinds of pads make it easy to do things more quickly and, therefore, get instant satisfaction. Perhaps that's where the problem lies. Stamp collecting involves time and patience; something missing in today's world. We live in a very highly stressful and chaotic world. For my part, stamp collecting gives me a kind of security and peacefulness that one needs to relax and enjoy life. Isn't that what a hobby should do for us?"

In my view, the quotation is worthy of consideration, and here's why. We constantly hear from every direction of the hobby, that TV, computers, etc. are to blame for why children don't collect stamps. Since everyone, children and adults alike, use technology, it must be true. What can we do about that? Nothing, I suppose. So the vast majority of us in stamp clubs do nothing. Witness the fact that all 14 clubs in the GTAPA do little to engage youngsters in the hobby. There is no blame whatsoever intended here, just a fact of life in our philatelic community.

As Leslie Seff suggests, our stressful and chaotic world, in which technology is inextricably intertwined, could go a long way to explaining why children are not attracted to stamp collecting. They are not necessarily looking for quiet time, patience, security and peacefulness. They are surely more attracted to doing things quickly and getting instant satisfaction. Perhaps when a certain level of maturity sets in, those characteristics may become more evident, but it's not a part of their makeup during puberty or, even, earlier.

I'll go one step further in this discussion. Instead of spending so much time, energy and money on convincing youngsters about the wonders of stamp collecting, why not spend our energies focussing our efforts on adults, older adults who are looking for some peace and quiet and a need to relax and enjoy a hobby. Perhaps these would be adults on the downside of their

careers, even empty-nesters, with a little discretionary cash and time on their hands, searching for something to tweak their interest.

Here is a final point to ponder. In my many visits to stamp clubs away from the urban setting, I am often amazed at the number of children that are excited about stamp collecting and attending stamp club meetings. There are also a number of clubs that are functioning in schools. There are none in the GTA, to my knowledge. Is this a phenomenon mostly found in rural communities? Is there a calmness and patience found in quieter communities that are more conducive to activities like stamp collecting? I wonder. I think that it is more than that. I am convinced we need to forget about making technology in all its forms a scapegoat for dropping numbers. Let's look beyond that and search out children and adults who are looking for a quiet, safe, perhaps even an academic, activity/hobby to challenge their intellects and to become easily excited by the study of geography, history and philately.

Read Leslie Seff's full article, *The Joys of Columbus –stamps that is!*, published in the Nov./Dec., 2013 issue of *Topical Time*, the ATA's bi-monthly magazine.

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Royal Mail Security Features

In this issue I'd like to review and discuss the problems that collectors of used stamps are currently having with the security features that are now employed by Royal Mail to prevent the reuse of stamps.

We all have tried to remove the latest copies from their envelopes and been left with a destroyed copy due to the cut surface slots simply doing what they were designed to do, that is prevent the stamp being removed from the envelope. In North America, we see few of these latest stamps and I have heard of many collectors destroying several in attempting to remove them from their backing.

So here are a few methods that may be used to help.

A collector could end their collection at the time just before the introduction of these security features and thus eliminate the modern problems.

One could neatly trim the backing paper very close to the stamp and mount the resulting assembly as is. This would eliminate the need for the removal of the stamp from its backing.

One could now concentrate on the collecting of mint copies only. This might end up being quite a costly venture as many of these newer stamps never seem to be handled by dealers over here in North America. We would have to deal directly with Royal Mail or a reputable British stamp dealer.

We could purchase used copies from British dealers in the UK and let them take the risk of removing the items from envelopes. This again could become expensive and does take much of the fun out of the hobby as well.

The final method is one that I was introduced to by Peter Butler a couple of years ago and that is the chemical removal of the stamp from its backing. Peter suggested that the stamp's adhesive be softened with the prudent use of a chemical ("Bestine" or "Pure Citrus"), applied to the rear of the envelope. I personally have been using a PVC pipe cleaner obtainable from Canadian Tire but believe that lighter fluid or even contact cement thinner will do the trick. This loosens the adhesive enough that the stamp may be

carefully peeled away from its backing. The problem is that the adhesive becomes active again and needs to be eliminated. The adhesive can then be carefully scraped away to reveal the paper of the stamp. Another method is the application of talcum powder on the rear to kill the adhesive. I practiced on other common self-adhesive stamps until I felt confident about my technique. Whatever method one adopts can never be stated as being wrong, it is simply a different way of doing things.

By the way, any or all of these methods can be adopted for most modern collectors as every major country seems to be moving across into some form of security to prevent reuse of stamps.

More information and a demo video can be found at www.rpsc.org. So, until next time, good luck and happy sorting....

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A Netherlands Post (in Dutch) video about this unusual stamp can be seen at the following address.

http://www.youtube.com/watch?feature=player_embedded&v=Eb3l0gB9Uvk



Forget the tongs and use a magnet to pick up this unusual Italian stamp issued in June 2010. And yes, the stamp is printed on a regular paper substrate.

The trick to making the stamp able to be picked up by a magnet was to use a special solvent based ink into which tiny magnetic iron oxide particles had been dispersed. These particles can be seen under magnification. The stamp was issued for the Italian Steel Federation as part of the “Made in Italy” series.

If you have information about unusual stamps and would like me to add it to future articles on this subject please email me at jerryptrowski74@hotmail.com using unusual stamps in the subject line or give it to your club GTAPA representative to pass along to me at a GTAPA board meeting.



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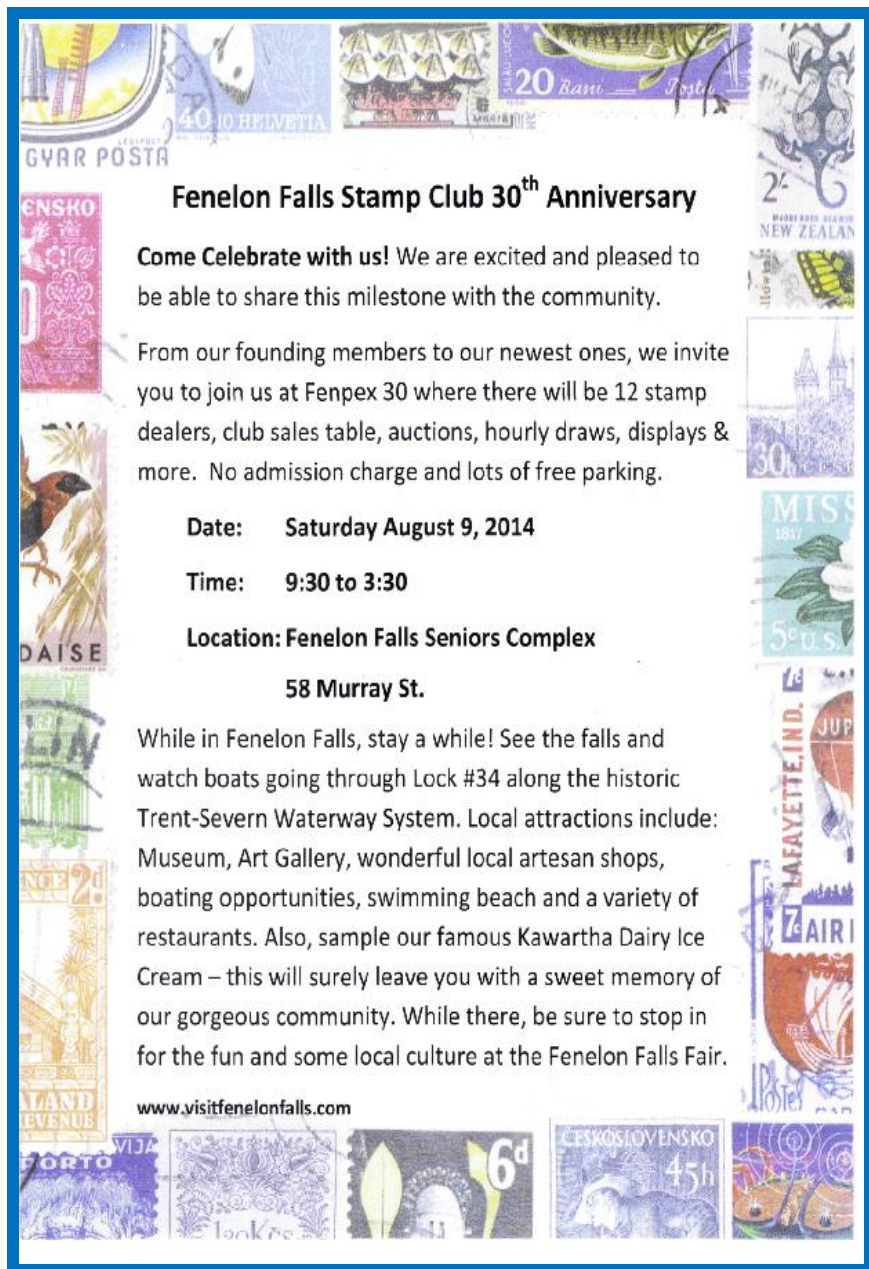
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Date: Saturday August 9, 2014

Time: 9:30 to 3:30

Location: Fenelon Falls Seniors Complex
58 Murray St.

While in Fenelon Falls, stay a while! See the falls and watch boats going through Lock #34 along the historic Trent-Severn Waterway System. Local attractions include: Museum, Art Gallery, wonderful local artisan shops, boating opportunities, swimming beach and a variety of restaurants. Also, sample our famous Kawartha Dairy Ice Cream – this will surely leave you with a sweet memory of our gorgeous community. While there, be sure to stop in for the fun and some local culture at the Fenelon Falls Fair.

www.visitfenelonfalls.com

Happy Anniversary! The first formal meeting of this club was held on February 7, 1984. Two of the original members, Marg Allen and Isabel Wessell, are active members today. **Congratulations to all!**

Bramalea Stamp Club Annual Show and Bourse Saturday, February 1, 2014



A highlight of the recent Bramalea Stamp Club Annual Show and Bourse was the presentation of a GTAPA Certificate of Merit to Judy Pawling in recognition of her work in the redesigning and maintenance of the club's website. The certificate was presented by Jerry Piotrowski and Bob Thorne. Congratulations, Judy!

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The Stamps of Trieste 1943 - 1954



Figure 1: Italian stamp overprinted with the name TRIESTE



Figure 2: Italian stamps overprinted “A.M.G.-F.T.T”
(Allied Military Government - Free Territory of Trieste)



Figure 3: Zone B issued its own stamps as well as
Yugoslavian stamps overprinted “VUJA-STT”
(Military Administration Yugoslav - Army-Free Territory of Trieste)

The Stamps of Trieste 1943 - 1954

The history of Trieste can be traced back to the Romans and Julius Caesar. Because of its location on the Adriatic, it became a very important seaport under the rule of many countries (Austria, Republic of Venice, Yugoslavia, Germany, France and Italy) over the centuries. Currently Trieste is part of Italy.

After the Italian armistice in September 1943, the city became part of the Italian Social Republic. During the period 1943 to 1947, the city was at times controlled by Germany, Yugoslavia and Italy. In September 1947, the Paris Peace Treaty established the Free Territory of Trieste (F.T.T.). At this time it was declared an independent city state under the United Nations and it was divided into zones A and B.

From 1947 to 1954 the A zone was governed by the Allied Military Government (A.M.G.) composed of American and British troops. Officially in 1954, Zone A became Italian and Zone B became Yugoslavian. For a very short period, a small area on the Italian-Yugoslavian border became a buffer territory which included a number of cities including Trieste and was known as the Allied Military Government of Venezia Giulia (A.M.G.-V.G.)

A small group of stamps were issued for this brief period. (figure 1) These were Italian stamps overprinted with the name Trieste. They are fairly common in mint condition but difficult to find in used condition.

Both Zone A and Zone B issued their own stamps between October 1, 1947 and October 30, 1954. Zone A issued Italian stamps overprinted "A.M.G.-F.T.T" (figure 2). Zone B issued its own stamps as well as Yugoslavian stamps overprinted "VUJA-STT" (figure 3).

While most of the stamps are not expensive, there are some very expensive watermark and perforation varieties. The varieties are not listed by Scott but can be found in specialized catalogues.

◁ *See stamps on left.*

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Cinderella Philately: Exploring Revenues

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In Canada both formal head and proper head dies were used. In 1860 the Victoria formal head engraved by William Chorlton for the American Bank Note Co. appeared for Nova Scotia one, two, and five cents postage stamps. The head die was reused for the Province of Canada 1865 Second Issue Bill Stamp and for the Newfoundland 1865 twelve cents which reappeared in 1894 printed by the British American Bank Note Co.

The Bill Stamp Act, June 30, 1864, placed a tax on promissory notes, drafts, and bills of exchange; the adhesive revenue stamp was affixed to the documents as proof of the tax collected. The Third Issue Bill Stamp 1868, featuring the Widow's Weeds pictorial proper head printed by the British American Bank Note Co., remained in use until March 1882 when the Bill Stamp Act was repealed; the bill stamps were demonetized on June 30, 1882. This proper head die was recycled in 1893 for the 20 and 50 cents postage stamps needed for parcels. Note that, although these are catalogued with the Small Queens, the Widow's Weeds are not Small Queens.

The Third Issue Bill stamps were used for eighteen years. This issue offers the philatelist a serious field of study, classifying printings, varieties, paper, and perforations. At the turn of the twentieth century Fiscal Stamp Societies attracted many leading philatelists to study and exhibit revenue/fiscals. But by the 1940's, revenues had been reduced to side-line or back-of-the book collections. Recently, many Cinderella philatelists have been enticed to explore and rediscover revenues.



One cent Nova Scotia,
formal head/effigy, 1860



Three cents Province of Canada,
2nd issue Bill stamp, 1865



Eight cents Canada,
left-facing Small Queens, 1893



Fifty cents Canada, 3rd issue Bill stamp,
proper head/pictorial, 1868



One dollar Canada, 3rd issue Bill stamp,
1868



Fifty cents Canada, Widow's Weeds,
1893

Reference: Winthrop S. Boggs, *The Postage Stamps and Postal History of Canada*, reprinted 1974 (first printing: 1945)

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British Locals – a fascinating collecting interest

As far back as the 7th century, many of the islands around Scotland and England were inhabited. Many have fascinating histories and in the nineteen hundreds some even issued their own stamps. Only a few of these islands still issue postage. Lundy Island and The Summer Isles are two examples.

Some of the islands that did issue stamps were annexed in 1969 by bigger islands, so had to stop the use of their own stamps. Now they are using stamps of the new governing islands. Examples are Herm, Brecqhou, Sark, and Jethou, along with other small Channel Islands that now use Guernsey or Jersey stamps. Others depend on the governing body of the particular island.

Many smaller islands no longer have inhabitants and, therefore, no official stamps are issued. Stamp collectors wishing to find stamps from non-issuing islands have to look long and hard.

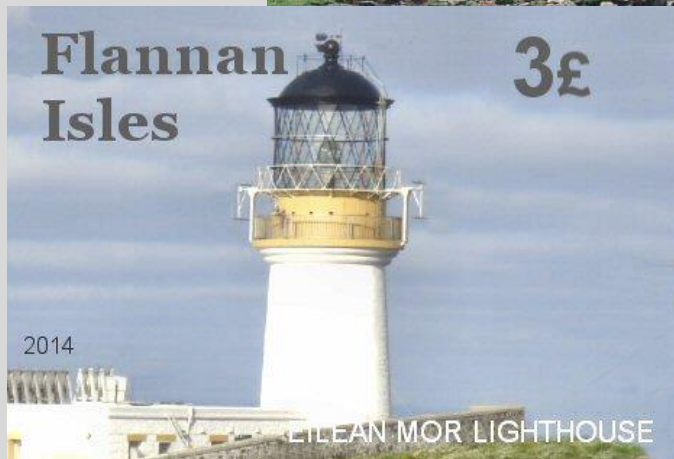
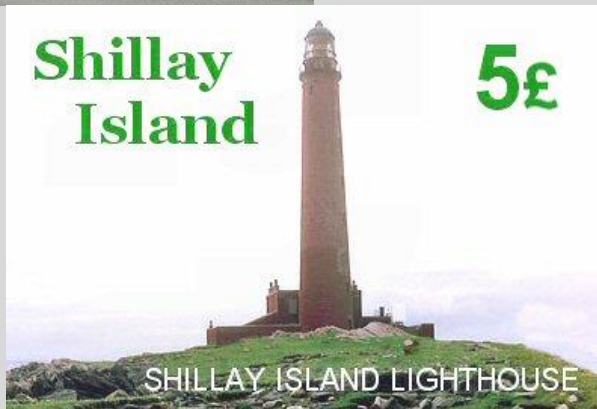
This leads me to one of the newest areas of collecting, British Locals. Postmasters issue their own stamps for any particular island in which they have an interest. The stamps are called British Locals. Stamps issued by these postmasters are considered labels not stamps. The Postmaster is a stamp issuer of an island that does not have inhabitants, or very few. The postmaster has no issuing authority.

A few years ago, I issued a label for an island that had one person living on it. I listed it for sale on eBay. It was purchased by the one person who lives on the island. He is commissioned by the British Royal Mail to go to the mainland to pick up his own mail. They pay him to do so.

I have issued approximately 100 different labels and have bought, or traded, for another 50 or so from other postmasters. I have over 150 custom album pages and am still expanding my collection.

There is a club of over 600 members in England and around the world that hosts regular auctions for these types of issues. They are always looking for new labels. In fact, there is a CD catalogue of all British Locals ever issued. It is kept up-to-date by its creator Ralph Phillips. His CDs are available on eBay. To find out more, look on eBay under British stamps then "British Locals". Google the island that a stamp, or label, comes from to find out more about its fascinating history and its inhabitants.

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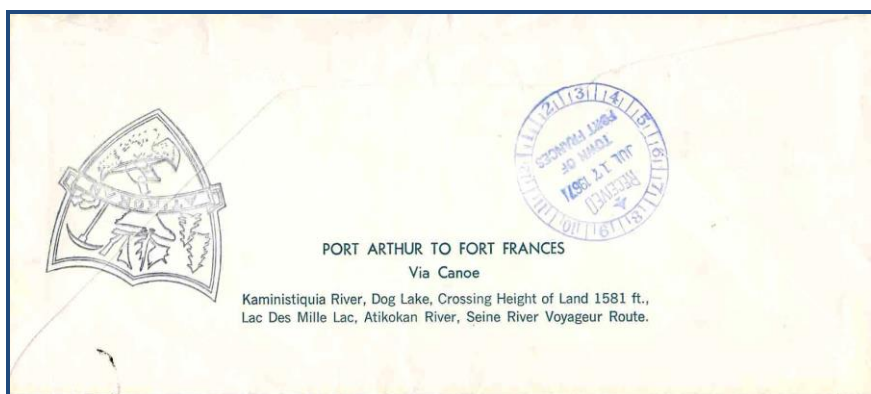
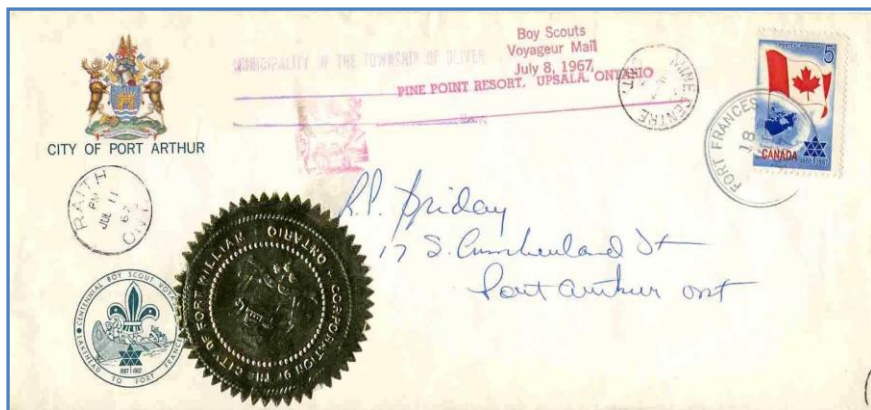
1967 was Canada's Centennial Year and many Scout groups sponsored special projects to celebrate this occasion. One of the most ambitious (and a philatelic one) was created by the Lakehead Boy Scouts in Port Arthur, Ontario and called, "*Voyageur Mail Centennial*".

They travelled over 250 miles by canoe from Port Arthur to Fort Frances. This was part of the Kaministiquia Canoe route which was used in the early days of exploration and fur trade for the opening of Canada's vast wilderness in the west. The earliest post in the Fort Frances area was established in 1688. Other developments took place and when the Governor of the Hudson's Bay Company, Sir George Simpson, visited on June 1, 1830, the post was renamed Fort Frances in honor of his wife, Frances, who accompanied him.

The objective of this project was to deliver some mail on schedule, while collecting cancellations from municipalities along the way. They departed on July 8 and reached Fort Frances on July 18. The covers on the next page show their progress and results.

They started with a City of Port Arthur envelope and printed their special round logo in green on the lower left. This includes the Scout Fleur-de-Lis, Canada's Centennial logo and four Voyageurs paddling a canoe. On the reverse, they also printed in green, some route information: "Kaministiquia River, Dog Lake, Crossing Height of Land 1581 ft., Lac Des Mille Lac, Atikokan River, Seine River Voyageur Route". After adding a gold seal from the City of Fort William and a red hand stamp "Boy Scouts Voyageur Mail, July 8, 1967", they started their journey and collected the following hand stamps or postal cancels (front or back) along the route: Pine Point Resort, Upsala, ON; Mine Centre, ON; Raith, ON; Municipality of the Township of Oliver; Atikokan; and 2 for Fort Frances (one tied to the Centennial stamp).

This makes for an interesting philatelic souvenir from our Centennial. What makes it even more impressive, is that it survived 11 days of paddling, camping and fording in sunshine and rain without getting water stained or crumpled!



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Philatelic Elements: Mosaic Block or Strip

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A mosaic block, or strip, in philately is one of the many philatelic elements available to collectors. It could be made up of two or more stamps in a block or in a strip to illustrate a specific subject as exemplified below.



Here we see that the Gothic cathedral of Milan is made up of two interconnected stamps, each valued at L.750. The strip was issued to promote ITALIA '98 the world philatelic exhibition held in that city.

In the next example, observe that, in order to illustrate the boundary of San Marino, within the Italian peninsula, the block is made up of four different values (in Euro 0.70, 0.85, 1.90 and 2.00). Each depicts only a part of the tiny state.



We view this souvenir sheet as a block of stamps each interconnected to form a whole picture if the stamps are linked together. However, once the stamps are separated from the block, the design on each individual separated stamp cannot be treated as a full subject but as a meaningless part of it.

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The Zahir Shah stamp before the Shah lost his power.

A cover, sent after Zahir Shah's fall from power, with the three copies on separated with a ruler or a knife and the Shah's portrait excised.



Postal Expediency After the Coup

This item is one of my favourite covers, purchased for a couple of bucks and probably worth less. But, it is from Afghanistan, and the usual state of that country's postal arrangements could charitably be described as disorganized with gusto towards chaos.

Zahir Shah came to power when his father was assassinated, in 1933, as an untried 19-year-old. He managed to maintain his country in a precarious state of "independence" while the traditional regional superpowers, Britain and the Soviet Union, attempted to influence it.

After World War II (Afghanistan remained neutral), both the USA and the USSR poured in resources. But, in 1973, while in Italy for medical treatment, Zahir Shah lost power to his cousin, Daud Khan, and chose to remain in exile there. In turn, Khan lost power to two left-wing leaders who tried to assassinate each other. Russia moved in as occupier in 1979 but in 1989 withdrew – leaving a Communist government to sink or swim.

Confused? Definitely! But let's leave it at this: stamps printed under one regime were used until they ran out. A friend of mine, working in Kabul in the 1990s, routinely sent home forty-year-old stamps, as well as the latest propaganda emissions.

This 1987 cover (See left page) was franked at 170 afghanis (there are 3 5-af stamps on the reverse). What to use for the high value air and registration fees? The stamps of King Zahir – just tear off the monarch's face. The stamp, Scott's C60, was issued in 1971 and there is a footnote in the catalogue stating that it was used starting in 1978 with the king's portrait removed.

To conclude the story, after the expulsion of the soviet-backed government by the Taliban, and the expulsion of the Taliban in 2002, the venerable Zahir Shah returned to the country, not seeking the throne (though prepared to accept it!) and participated in the Loya Jirga that chose Hamid Karzai as the new President of Afghanistan. Named "Father of the Country", he moved back into the old palace and died at the age of 92 in 2007.

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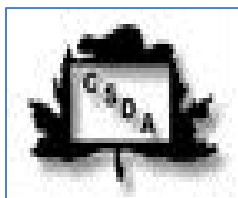
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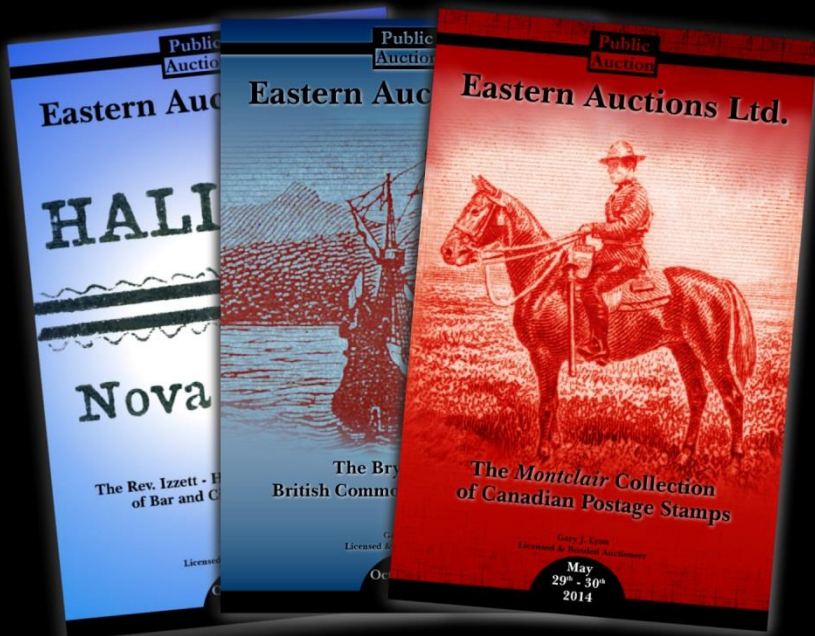
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