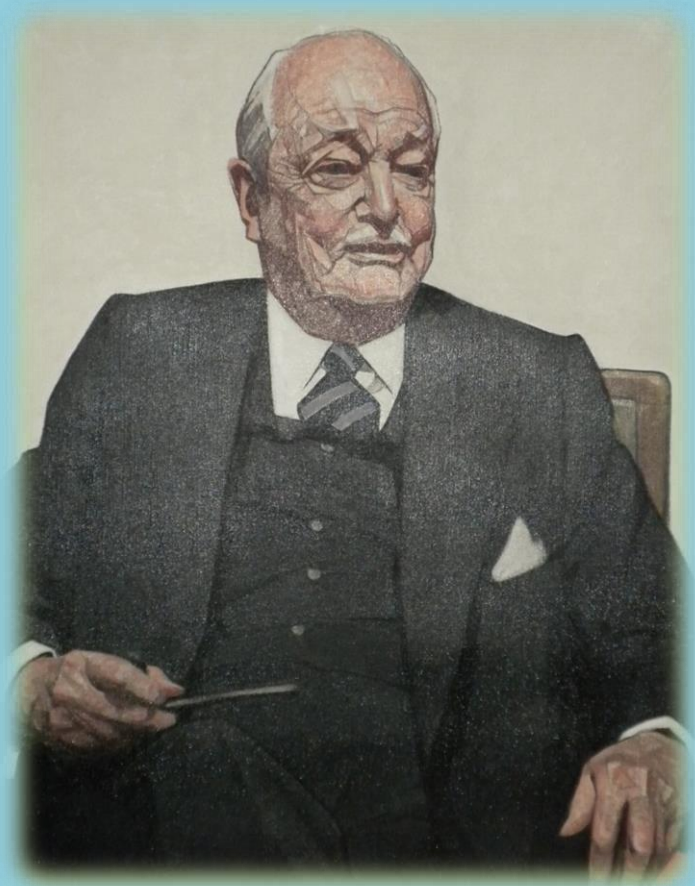


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The Philatelic Summer Season



Yes, it is summertime again.....at last. Most of us thought that it would never come! Snow and bitter temperatures began to (almost) feel normal. Of course, the devoted philatelists continued to go to meetings and attend the shows and auctions in spite of the weather.

Now snow shoveling has given way to mowing, raking, watering and clipping, followed by a relaxing time in one's favourite lawn chair. It is also the time to plan some excursions beyond the city to support our philatelic network and to find a few treasures.

On page 21 you will find a list of summer opportunities..... Burlington, Fenelon Falls, Bracebridge! Be sure to consider the Georgian Bay Coin & Stamp Club's invitation (page 20) to attend one of their summer meetings. And, if you have never been to an Oshawa/Whitby/Brooklin auction (details also on page 20) you are missing a fun filled event.

Another wonderful philatelic experience could be a trip to the Harry Sutherland Philatelic Library at the Vincent Graves Greene Philatelic Research Foundation at 10 Summerhill Avenue (a block from the Summerhill subway station). In February of this year the staff decided to extend library hours for a three month period to increase access to the philatelic community. It was a great success and they will continue to be open the first Saturday of the month from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm, and on extended hours the fourth Wednesday of the month from 10:00 am to 7:00 pm during the summer months. According to those who have been taking advantage of the extra hours, "This great library has excellent material, staff that will help you locate it and a librarian that will not 'shhhhhh' you if you get too excited." See the invitation to their Open House on page 22.

Our intrepid writers have submitted interesting articles for this Summer issue. I hope that you enjoy them and that you might be inspired to write for the PhilaJournal about your collecting interests. Unfortunately one of our regular writers, Dave Moss of Machin Corner has had to take a break. We wish him well.

Enjoy the summer. I hope to see you at a show or meeting.

Help! Where in the world is this stamp from?

As a young collector, I often experienced the frustration of not being able to identify the country of origin of some stamps. My 47 page pre-printed world album was of little help. I had no other resources until I purchased a small newsprint booklet titled, *A Stamp Finder*, published by H. E. Harris & Company. The booklet was my first identifier and it lasted for years.

All this came to mind a few weeks ago when I was reading through, *The American Stamp Dealer & Collector* magazine and reading John Hotchner's article, *Help for the Puzzled Album User*. In a shortened version, here is what he suggested.

- ✓ In the white spaces around a stamp's design, many countries print the year of issue. Knowing the date will not give you the country but it will give you the decade of issue. Note that dates are often in micro-printing so a magnifying glass (10X) will help.
- ✓ Get used to looking at a catalogue or album to get a feeling for the art style and progression of each country's stamps.
- ✓ Keep in mind the multicolour designs of stamps. They are more likely to be found on stamps in the last half of the 20th century and after 2000.
- ✓ Match the face value on the stamp to face value in the catalogue.
- ✓ If you are dealing with a stamp with a foreign alphabet, consult a stamp identifier with samples of foreign alphabets.
- ✓ Watch for key words that will identify where in a catalogue you can find the stamp. For example, there is no use looking in the regular listings if the stamp says Airmail or Aereo.
- ✓ Commit to purchasing texts on your topic of interest whenever possible. Information in glossaries, stamp identifiers and philatelic atlases varies. Building your philatelic library is important for doing research and extending your knowledge.

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All of these ideas are useful. However, I would like to suggest that, today, computers hold the key to a huge amount of philatelic information. For example, if you put "stamp identifier" into a search engine, twelve or more sites will pop up for your consideration. Add "foreign" and a host of new sites appear. You can find texts, illustrations in colour, time charts and much more. One need never need to ask, **"Where in the world is this stamp from?"**

Do we or don't we?

- When do we decide to “downsize” our collecting interests and why?
- Do we have collections and extras we no longer actively work or, even look at?
- Is now the time to put these collections and extras in the hands of others to enjoy and expand?
- Do we want to start a new collection?

There might come a time when downsizing will become a must so perhaps now **is** the time to share your collection and knowledge with others.

I know I have started to downsize. But maybe downsize is the wrong term. Perhaps I should say my collecting interests have changed. I think that now is the time to share some of my collections with others so I can expand on my current collecting interests!

So, you are correct! – I am not downsizing. I am making room for new collections. I tell my wife I am being progressive by moving out the clutter. Of course I know she might not believe me. All she will have to do is look around and challenge me to show some empty space in my hobby room.

The “bottom line” is..... some of my collections are moving out before I have to!

If you are considering moving some of your treasures, club auctions are a great place to start..... with reasonable pricing of course.

Better yet, have you considered donating to a junior club member, or the RPSC Philatelic Research Foundation for a tax donation slip, or to the GTAPA as a fund raiser?

If there is extensive value to your collection, there are larger club auctions available or commercial auction houses. Ask around to get the best venue for your collection if auctioning is your choice.

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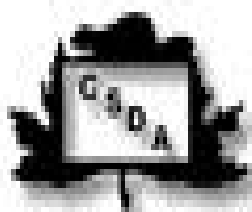
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Indian Free Legion: Azad Hind

The Azad Hind or "Free India" Cinderellas are phantoms of the Second World War. Although they were officially printed, they were never issued. In order to be understood they must be placed in their historical context. The story begins with Netaji or "Leader", Subhas Chandra Bose. Bose is not well known in the West but in India, he was Netaji of the Second Indian War of Independence. Born in Calcutta in 1897, he was educated at the University of Calcutta and, in 1919, he matriculated at Cambridge University in England. There he passed the Indian Civil Service Examination. He later rejected the Service and returned to Calcutta, determined to gain independence from British colonial rule.

Influenced by his studies of George Washington and Giuseppe Garibaldi, Bose set out a strategy of civil disobedience and organized protest. But unlike Mahatma Gandhi and Jawaharlal Nehru who believed that the "ends and the means" were of equal importance, Bose advocated armed revolt against the empire. In 1939, after being removed as President of the Indian National Congress and imprisoned, he escaped via Afghanistan to reach Berlin, Germany.

The ancient Sanskrit proverb, "the enemy of my enemy is my friend", led Bose to an alliance with the Nazis. Using German resources and funds, which Bose considered a loan, he established the Azad Hind Centre in Berlin and commanded the 3000 troops of Indian Free Legion: the 950th Infantry Regiment, recruited from the Indian prisoners of war captured by German General Erwin Rommel's Afrika Korps in 1943.

In 1942, Adolf Hitler abandoned the plan to liberate India and immediately Japanese Prime Minister, Hideki Tojo, requested that Bose be transported to Japan. After being transferred from a German submarine to a Japanese submarine off the coast of Madagascar, Bose arrived in Singapore where he formed, and commanded, the Indian National Army, the Azad Hind Fauj which was made up of 40,000 expatriate volunteers and 35,000 troops of the British Indian Army captured by the Japanese in Malaya after the fall of Singapore. The Azad Hind division was attached to the 15th Imperial Army in Japan's last major land offensive, the invasion of India. Azad Hind troops occupied the Kohima region in Nagaland from March to July 1944 before being being defeated in the Battle of Imphal, voted by the British War Museum to be the greatest British victory in history

The Azad Hind government was recognized by Germany, Italy and Japan along with their puppet regimes, as well as the Soviet Union. Azad Hind ceased to exist after the destruction of the Indian National Army. Thus the Azad Hind stamps were never issued. They never reached India.



The Azad Hind phantoms are listed in Michel German Specialized under Nationales Indien as a set of seven stamps designed by Werner and Maria von Axster-Heudtlass, printed by the Reichdruckerei Berlin in 1943. Bose met the designers and suggested changes in the features of the nurse issue.

The government stocks were "liberated" by an East German stamp dealer who escaped to the Allied Zone during the fall of Berlin. After the war, a limited number of stamps were sold in London. The Nuremberg District Court, April 1954, exonerated the dealer of charges of market manipulation. The stamps are photogravure; varieties exist.

Use of Selvedge to Convey Extra Information

Selvedge in the print industry refers to the excess area of a printed or perforated sheet of any material, such as the white border area of a sheet of stamps or the wide margins of an engraving, etc. The term is also widely used in philately.

Margin paper, also known as "selvedge," is sometimes blank, and sometimes has information printed upon it. Most collectors of stamps are familiar with the concept of a "plate block" or "plate number block;" but not aware of the additional information shown. I have found this to be a fascinating part of my collection.

The collector, who is uncertain of whether selvedge should be left or removed, may do well by reading the specialized catalog to determine if the paper has any significance. As with any hobby, reading and learning more about the collectible helps the collector to make wise decisions.

Here is one sample:



The 1997 Canada issue (No.1639), commemorating the 100th Anniversary of the Victorian Order of Nurses, provides another example of the use of selvedge to portray thematic information that might have otherwise been featured within the stamp itself. In this case, the portrait of the founder of the Victorian Order of Nurses, Lady Ishbel Aberdeen, is shown on the corner piece of the selvedge.



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Stamps of the Italian States

Before the unification of the Kingdom of Italy in 1861, the ten Italian states issued their own stamps. The postal services of these states developed separately, in part because of the difference in currencies which made interchange of mail between them complicated.



The northern part of Italy was known as **Lombardi-Venetia** and was under Austrian administration. The first stamps were issued in 1850 and except for the different currencies were the same design as the first Austrian stamps. The Lombardi-Venetian stamps were in denominations of *centesemi* until 1858 when Austria took over the postal authority and then the denomination became *soldi*.



Tuscany, an area north of Rome which includes Florence, was next to issue its own stamps in 1851. These stamps picture the lion of Tuscany and were in denominations of *quattrini*, *soldi* and *crazie*.

In the same year, Sardinia also issued its own stamps denominated in *centesimi* and *lire*. Sardinia is the large island to the west of mainland Italy.



The first stamp portrayed King Victor Emmanuel II. Because of the activities of Guiseppe Garibaldi and Camillo di Cavour, a number of states of Italy came under the control of **Sardinia**. Sardinian stamps were used in most of the states until the unification of some of the Italian states.

The states of Modena, Parma and the Roman or Papal States began issuing their own stamps in 1852. Modena's and Parma's currency was in centesimi and lire. The Roman States were using bajocchi and scudos as their currency. The first Modena and Parma stamps showed their respective coats of arms. The first Roman States stamps portrayed the Papal Arms.



Modena



Parma



Roman States

Naples, Sicily, Romagna and the Neapolitan States started issuing their stamps in 1858, 1859, 1859, and 1861 respectively. Naples, Sicily and the Neapolitan States currencies were *granna*, *tornesi* and *ducato*. Romagna currency was *bajocci* and *scudo*. Naples stamps portrayed its coat of arms which consisted of a horse, the fleur de lis, and three intertwined legs.

Sicily's first stamps portrayed King Ferdinand II. The postal cancellation of Sicily took the form of a U shaped framework, so that the King's head would not be defaced. The first stamps of the Neapolitan States were very similar to those of Sardinia, showing King Victor Emmanuel II, but with different currencies.



Naples



Sicily



Romagna



Neapolitan States

In 1862, the unified Italy issued its first stamps, basically those of Sardinia, with the embossed head of the King. They were perforated. Sardinian stamps were imperf.

Some of the stamps of the states are quite rare, especially if they are in good condition. Unfortunately, many have been damaged but are still useful as space-holders.



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Generally in this column I concentrate on postal documents but just this once let's look at why collecting revenues is so much fun. The image above is of a page taken from a 1930's document attested to by the British Vice-Consul in Boston, Massachusetts. The document is definitely missing its first pages, as the name of the ship is lost. However, from the formula used on the reverse (that is, page 6, shown opposite) it seems sure that it was a Canadian ship and its documentation was handled by British authorities in this particular port.

What is fascinating is the first entry. The fee for entry into port is 6 shillings and sixpence, but in this case it has risen to 10 shillings and sixpence. Presumably this is because the ship has reported a desertion in port – Karl Forbes, seaman #4, has jumped ship.

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Research always awaits the chronicler of a revenue document – they are little understood even by those who enjoy them and collect them. Research requires a true detective's nose and a love of history, for the services and fees they paid for are little chronicled. So difficult is this effort that most revenue exhibits at the national level and higher– and they are scarce enough – are ground-breaking. So, even if I keep this interesting item “on the backburner” for years, eventually I or my successor will buckle down to the labour of reading a Boston newspaper to ascertain arrival schedules, and a consular record to establish the usual scale of fees for the masters of merchant ships entering this harbour.

Donations of Philatelic Material

Garfield Portch FRPSC

Over the past year there have been questions asked about the procedures to be followed in making donations to charitable organizations, specifically the Royal Philatelic Society of Canada Research Foundation.

It must be understood that the RPSC Research Foundation is a federally registered, not-for-profit organization that is empowered by the Canada Revenue Agency to issue official donation receipts for tax purposes. The Foundation is obliged to comply (without any deviation) with the rules imposed by the CRA. The rules are neither complicated nor intrusive.

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Third, for gifts in kind the Foundation is required to establish a value by having the donation appraised by an independent third party. The Foundation is fortunate to have the services of a number of stamp dealers

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When the fair market value at the time of donation cannot be determined an official donation receipt cannot be issued. Having determined the fair market value of the donation, the Foundation will proceed to issue an official donation receipt prior to February 28 of the following year.

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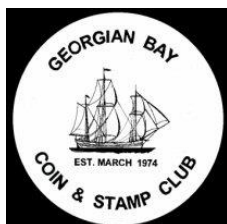
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Greene signed the Roll of Distinguished Philatelists in 1963, received the Lichtenstein Medal in 1964, and was admitted to the American Philatelic Society Hall of Fame in 1989.

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Issues of the Polish 2nd Corps 1942

This article serves as a follow up to the one by Mattia Guida in the Spring 2015 issue of PhilaJournal titled, "Stamps of the Polish Army in Italy (1945 to 1946)".

Following the Soviet invasion of Eastern Poland in 1939, over a million Poles were rounded up by the NKVD (Narodnyy Komissariat Vnutrennikh Del) and deported to various parts of Russia, including Siberia where they suffered under brutal conditions. After Germany's invasion of Russia in 1941 and the signing of the Sikorski/Maysky agreement in July 1941, Stalin, somewhat unwillingly, allowed the freeing of Polish captives with the aim of forming a Polish army to fight alongside the Red Army against the Nazi threat.

The Polish Second Corps was formed in JangiJul, Uzbekistan under the command of General Wladislaw Anders. Anders refused Stalin's insistence of sending his newly formed, untrained and ill equipped army to the front. It was with Churchill's intervention that Anders, in the spring of 1942, was able to start having his army evacuated to Persia where it was clothed, armed and training organized. Not all of the freed captives were able to leave and many remained trapped in Russia.

Once in the Middle East the training of the army began and by the spring of 1943 the army was ready for combat. Much of Anders' Second Corps, now attached the British 8th army, participated in the major battles of the Italian Campaign where it distinguished itself especially in the final Battle of Monte Casino where Polish troops were finally able to succeed and plant a Polish Ensign atop the ruins of the hilltop monastery from which German forces had impeded the northward progress of the Allied Armies.

While still in Russia, the Polish army prepared a 50 kopek stamp inscribed "Poczta Polska w Z.S.R.R.". (Polish Post in the USSR). It was issued August 18, 1942. The stamp design is in the form of a triptych. The left panel shows polar bears and the Northern Lights alluding to the time spent in Siberia, the centre panel shows marching Polish Soldiers with a background of a crowned Polish eagle while the right one shows a central Asia desert scene with camels and a blazing sun. Under the central vignette is written, "Dojdziemy!" (We will get there!).

3017 stamps were printed mainly in two rows of three tête-bêche format. Records indicate that 263 were sold while the army was still in Russia and

another 128 in Persia (Iran) and Iraq. After the war, 1000 copies of the original printing were placed into numbered commemorative folders and sold to philatelists. Postally used Dojdzieny stamps are extremely rare.



My late father was one of those taken to Siberia where they were told "Here you will live and here you will die!" He was fortunate to be one of those who were able to leave the Siberian terror, join Anders' army, fight in those major battles in Italy and later write about his experiences of the deportation, his toils in Siberia and then his military experiences

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A stamp celebrating the postal agreement with Canada was issued on March 8, 1993. It contained an error (referring to Canada as the Republic of Canada) so was withdrawn and replaced by a new stamp with the correct inscription “Postal Agreement with Canada”. The “error” stamps were immediately incinerated but a total of 9069 stamps had been already sold and could not be destroyed. Today the error stamp is the most valuable stamp of the whole SMOM collection and has a market value of \$150.00.

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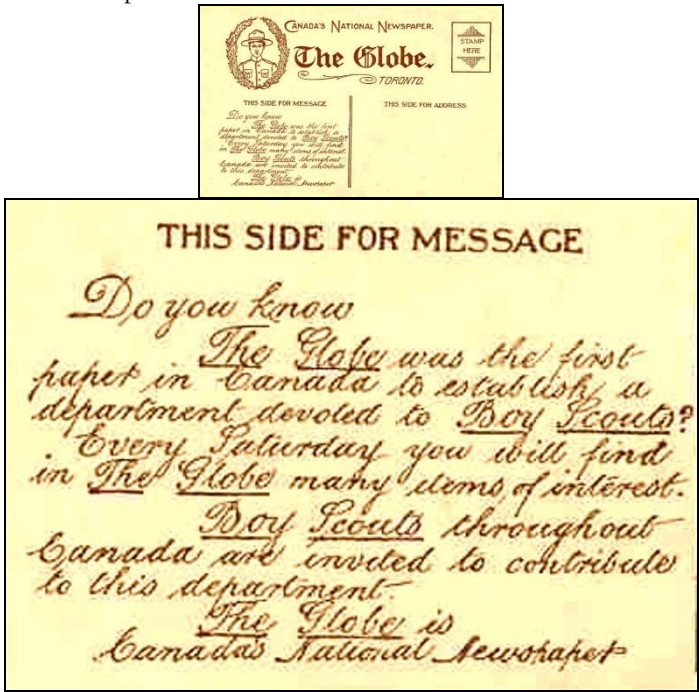
Scouting & the CNE

The Canadian National Exhibition (CNE) in Toronto is the site of some early Scouting connections.

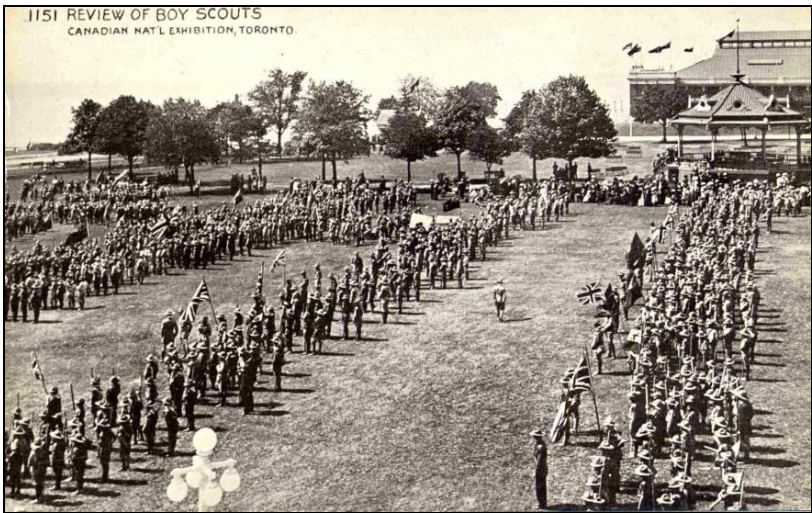
The Globe newspaper, founded in Toronto in March 1844 by Mr. George Brown, issued the Scouting postcards below in the early 1910s. The cards advertise that *The Globe* was the first newspaper in Canada to establish a department devoted to Boy Scouts. The first Boy Scout column appeared in the Saturday issue on October 1, 1910. This was probably influenced by the intensive publicity given to Lord Baden-Powell's visit to Toronto one month earlier to officially open the CNE on August 30, 1910, in the company of 2000 scouts from across Ontario.



The reverse of all postcards was the same.



Two years later, Lord Baden Powell once again made a visit to Canada and a few other items deserve mention. An old black and white postcard shows some scouts lined up “on parade” at the CNE.



In 2013, the following item was sold in the R. Maresch & Son auction.



It is a booklet showing 12 different scenes of the CNE. It is cancelled on September 24, 1912 on the front and has a "Canadian National Exhibition Toronto" slogan cancel on the back, along with the name and details of the addressee. The wording on the front says "A little scout around the Toronto Exhibition". This is not only a very nice historical scouting philatelic item, but is sought after by collectors of CNE memorabilia.

For over three years, the late Jack Lyons (former member of SOSSI and of West Toronto Stamp Club) and his wife Marg campaigned to have some recognition of Baden-Powell opening the CNE.



As a result, a Historical Plaque Dedication Ceremony was held at the CNE on August 30, 2010, 100 years later to the day. A large contingent of Scouts, Guides and leaders, some wearing early 1900s uniforms, paraded with the Toronto Police

Band through the center of the CNE to the ceremony site for the dedication.

Notes: *The Globe and Mail* newspaper archives (available on-line through Toronto Public Library), *Canadian Boy Scout & Girl Guide Philatelic Catalog* – Tony Manson, SOSSI, R. Maresch & Son Auctions Ltd.

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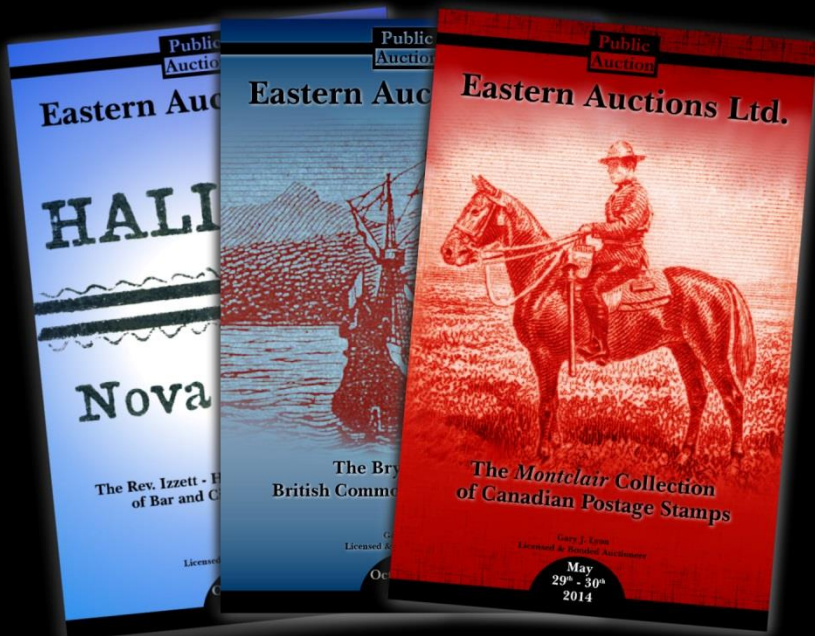
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