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GTAPA's first virtual "Single Page Exhibit Competition" was held during the April 28, 2021 Zoom Meeting. We received 14 entries. The Peer judging was difficult as all of the submissions were of the highest standard, both in elements and quality. You can see them all in this Special Insert to PhilaJournal #76

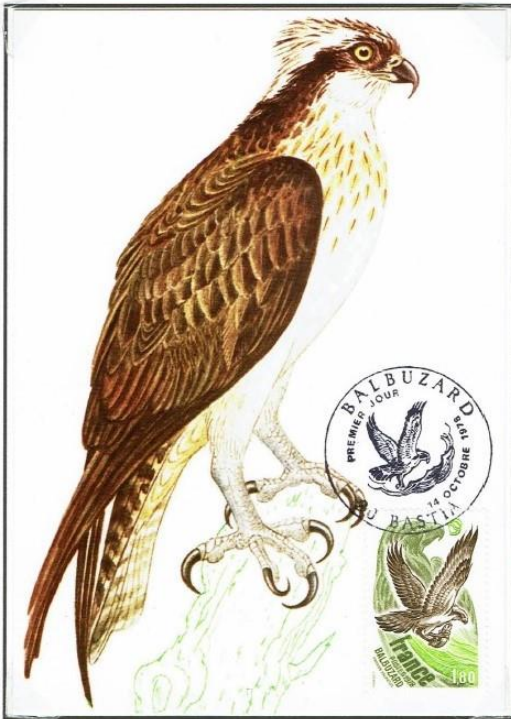
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Osprey



The Osprey, a large piscivorous bird, is found on all continents except Antarctica. 'Piscivorous' refers to the fact that up to 99% of its diet is fish. It's commonly called the fish hawk, river hawk or sea hawk. It's scientific name, in Latin, is *Pandion haliaetus* which you'll frequently see printed on osprey stamps.

SN 1581 Issued Oct. 16, 1978 French Maxicard - issued as part of a series on Nature Protection. In French, the osprey's scientific name is *Balbulard pêcheur* which is clearly visible on this card.

In the late 19th century osprey became extinct in France. Payment made for every osprey shot contributed to its extinction. Since 1972, however, osprey have been protected in France and have returned to this country.



C229 Issued Nov. 18, 1962 Hungary 'Birds of Prey' Series Osprey (*Pandion haliaetus*)



SN 1234 Issued June 5, 1964 Osprey. 4th in a Polish 9 stamp series on waterfowl.



SN 4611 Issued Jan. 20, 2012. A US Serpentine Die Cut issue. 4th of 5 in the 2012 'Birds of Prey' Series.

Osprey have remarkable vision and can see prey from 131' above the water! Once sighted, they fold their wings and free fall, positioning their feet under their head so they can aim directly at their prey.



The osprey weighs 2-5 lbs, measures 19- 24" in length and has an amazing 4-6' wingspan.

SN 2427 Issued Jan. 24, 2002 Definitive horizontal coil, 10 kr, with osprey in soaring position.

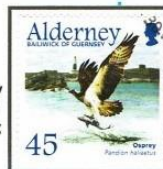


SN 2609 Issued March 26, 2009 Osprey (*Pandion haliaetus*) An unused Swedish horizontal coil pair.

As they dive, they adjust the angle of their flight to account for the distortion of the fish's image caused by the water.

They may submerge completely when they hit the water. They use their tail, as a rudder, along with their powerful wings to propel themselves upward through the water and back into the air.

Osprey orient the fish headfirst as they fly, to ease wind resistance, as shown in this stamp.



SN 189 April 30, 2002 5th in a 6 stamp series that depicts some of Alderney's migratory raptors.



BARN OWL'S REMARKABLE EYESIGHT

This exhibit will highlight the four outstanding factors for the Barn Owl's remarkable eyesight.



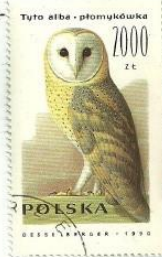
Souvenir Sheet from Namibia featuring the Barn Owl in flight. This souvenir sheet was voted "The most beautiful stamp" by postal organizations 5th Stamp World Cup in France back in 1999.



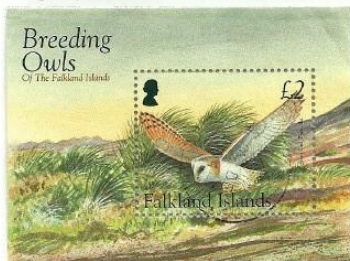
The most obvious factor is the enormous size of the owl's eyes. This one pound bird has eyeballs as large as those of an average size man.



Thirdly, the owl cannot see out of the sides of its eyes because the owl's eyes are fixed in their sockets and thus, unable to rotate its eyeballs. However a remarkable compensation is provided enabling an owl to rotate its head 270 degrees. This is done with such speed that it appears as if the head is making a full 360 degree revolution.



Great Britain 6 shilling booklet issued January 1969, containing eighteen 4p stamps for 2nd class mail.



Finally, at night the barn owl's pupils dilate to their fullest and thus gather large amounts of light that falls on the retina which has specialized elongated light sensitive cells for night vision.

The History of Lundy Island Postage Service

First recorded date of Postal Service was March 3rd, 1887

The Lundy Postal **Service was closed in 1928**

On November 1st, 1929, the **Island owner, Martin Cole** Issued the first Lundy Stamps a ½ and a 1 Puffin Stamp
A Puffin being equal to a Penny – The stamps were issue to help defray the cost of delivering mail to the Mainland



½ Puffin 1 Puffin



22 Puffins

Lundy Airmail Stamps were First Issued In 1936



1937 Issue

Originally Lundy Stamps were put on the backs of mail with a British Stamp on the front of the mail if it was to go on throughout the world

Mail leaving from or arriving at Lundy required a Lundy Stamp

In 1936 higher values were issued for heavier mail delivery



Cover from Orkney-Inverness to Lundy – with Lundy Stamps Added on arrival - rubber stamps canceled by Lundy Postmaster

Since 1974 the Lundy Puffinage has incorporated the UK charge and a separate British stamp was no longer required on Lundy mail in order to be mailed world wide



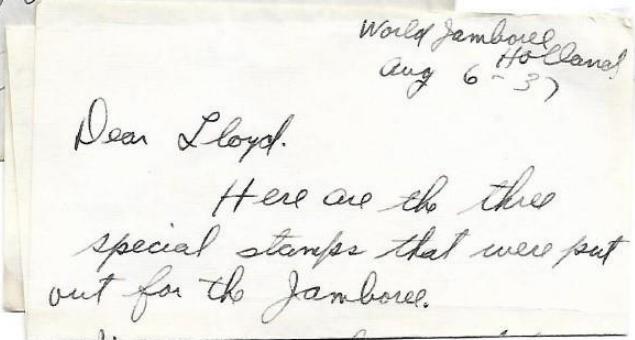
First Puffin Island Decimal issues to be used for worldwide delivery

"A LETTER HOME"

5TH BOY SCOUT WORLD JAMBOREE
NETHERLANDS – JULY 31-AUGUST 9, 1937



LETTER HOME FROM
"A TORONTO
(SCOUT)
ROAMING ABROAD"



THREE JAMBOREE STAMPS
WERE ISSUED ON APRIL 1.

FOUR JAMBOREE CANCELS
WERE USED – NO.s 1 TO 4.
No. 1 WAS RESERVED FOR
REGISTERED MAIL.

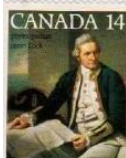


THE 12.5 c HIGH VALUE STAMP FOR OVERSEAS POSTAGE
WAS FOUND ON 26 PARTIALLY BURNT ENVELOPES FROM
THE HINDENBURG CRASH ON MAY 6. 17,609 PIECES OF
MAIL WERE ON BOARD OF WHICH 358 WERE SALVAGED.



NETHERLANDS ISSUED THIS
LABEL FOR THE JAMBOREE.
IT WAS GUMMED AND WAS
OFTEN USED AS A CACHET.

JAMES COOK IN CANADA 1758-1759



JAMES COOK JOINED AS AN ABLE SEAMAN BUT SOON ADVANCED TO THE RANK OF MASTER (NAVIGATOR) OF THE H.M.S. NORTHUMBERLAND THEN THE H.M.S. PEMBROKE. IN 1758 PARTICIPATED IN THE BRITISH ATTACK AND CAPTURE OF THE FRENCH FORTRESS IN LOUISBURG ON ISLE ROYALE NOW KNOWN AS CAPE BRETON.



ISSUED FOR THE 275TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE FOUNDING OF THE FORTRESS OF LOUISBURG.

COOK'S NEXT ASSIGNMENT WAS TO COMPLETE A COMPREHENSIVE CHART OF THE GULF OF ST. LAWRENCE AND THE ST. LAWRENCE RIVER. ON MAY 5 1759 COOK, PART OF AN ADVANCED SQUADRON, SAILED THE ST. LAWRENCE RIVER, SOUNDED THE MAIN CHANNELS AND PREPARED SURVEYS OF THE RIVER BELOW QUEBEC.



COOK AT QUEBEC 1759



QUEBEC 1700'S
ISSUED TO COMMEMORATE
THE 300TH ANNIVERSARY OF
THE FOUNDING OF QUEBEC



MONTCALM & WOLFE
TERCENTENARY ISSUE 1908
COOK'S SURVEY HELPED THE
BRITISH FLEET LED BY JAMES
WOLFE DEFEAT MONTCALM
AND TAKE QUEBEC ON
SEPTEMBER 13 1759



JAMES COOK'S CHART OF THE ST LAWRENCE TO QUÉBEC BY ORDER OF VICE ADMIRAL CHARLES SAUNDERS 1759, fragment above, full chart below

Bananas



North Americans eat more bananas each year than apples and oranges combined. They seem to have mass a-peel.



Dominica 1951
Bananas

Bananas are the 4th most widely cultivated crop on earth after rice, wheat and corn.

The banana tree is not a tree. It is in fact the world's largest herb and the banana itself is actually a giant berry.



Jamaica 1952
Banana Courier

A bunch of bananas is called a hand and a hand can weigh up to 400 pounds. A single banana is known a finger.



Dominica 1963
Bananas



The End

Remembering Bal Gangadhar Tilak (aka, Lokmanya Tilak)



Bal Gangadhar Tilak (aka, Lokmanya Tilak) was one of the most outstanding pioneers of India's freedom struggle. In 1897 he was imprisoned for 18 months and it was at this time he gave the Indian nation his slogan "Swaraj (Freedom) is my birth-right...."

Mahatma Gandhi, the Father of the Nation of India said of him when he passed away in August 1920

"My strongest bulwark is gone. A giant among men has fallen.....he will go down as a maker of modern India"

Exhibited here are items from the 1956 Birth Memorial booklet that was issued by the Indian Post & Telegraph department.

Shown also, is a First Day Cover (FDC) and some used postmarks found on stamps soaked off from covers.

Postmarks



Chima
Bazar

(Hindi
Script)

(English &
Hindi Script)

Express
Delivery –
TIMES

Toparvana R.M.S.SET-28 (Newspaper)

First Day Cover Issued 23-7-1956



FDC Reverse →

Mint Block of 4



100th Death Anniversary,
August 2020.



A GROUP OF UNORTHODOX STAMPS

These US ZAZZLE.COM stamps were issued on June 7, 2013. "Zazzle is an American online marketplace that allows designers and customers to create their own products" and it is believed that the stamp designs were not checked by the company for permission to print these stamps that in part were in the format of the original South Africa stamp.



On Nov. 19, 1987, South Africa was to issue a three-stamp set (Scott 702-704) commemorating the Bible Society of South Africa, which was founded in 1820... However, the 40¢ stamp contained two lines of script, one in Kione Greek, the language of the New Testament, and one in Hebrew, the language of the Old Testament. Both lines contained the word "G-d." Religious leaders complained, and the stamps were withdrawn.

However, "A limited number of the 40¢ stamps were sold, and some were used for postage. The withdrawn stamp is popular with collectors of religion on stamps and Judaica collectors. ..."

"The Scott *Standard Postage Stamp Catalogue* notes but does not list or value the withdrawn stamp. ..."



"A Jewish religious leader from the GTA states, "Concerning G-d's name like that on a stamp is not acceptable, in fact it ought to be buried in the same *manner* we would bury any holy book [italics added]." In the Jewish tradition holy artifacts, like books, are buried and not shredded or burned.

NEW LEARNING & QUESTS TO PURSUE: THE 1935 #E6 - 20 CENT SPECIAL DELIVERY



E6 used to pay the special delivery fee Hamilton Sept 8, 1937 arriving Quebec Sept 9, 1937 to a passenger on board the SS Empress of Britain

Flagship of the Canadian Pacific's Atlantic fleet, launched June 11, 1930. length 760 ft 6-in; breadth 97 ft 6-in, had ten decks. WWII casualty sunk in October 1940.



S.S.EMPRESS OF BRITAIN AT QUEBEC
Photo by Canadian Airways Ltd.



Image and Stamp Details

-Vignette based on a painting *Allegory of Progress* by Alonzo Earl Foringer
-Hand cut in steel in 1926 re-engraved in 1935, reduced in size to form part of E6. Vignette also used on currency/stock/bond certificates 1920-37



-First Special Delivery stamp with a dated die (1935 lower left hand corner)
-Issued June 1, 1935 Canadian Bank Note Co. Perf 12, also exists imperf
-Qty. 888,814 Replaced June 15 1938

Variety E6i Dot in the right 0 of 20



New quests to pursue – Other Varieties

- White gum,
- Dot below the left 2
- Hairline thru PRES
- Hairline thru D of Canada and Y of delivery
- Line across the N of Canada



STAMP TONGS



Stamp tongs, or tweezers, are an essential tool for the proper handling of stamps, to protect them from soiled or greasy fingers. The 2 prongs should meet evenly and feel comfortable in your hand.

A stamp is a delicate gem and will not stand rough handling. No matter how clean one's hands may be, they always harbour a certain amount of moisture and grease, and by touching the stamp, this dirt is transferred to it. Therefore it is advisable to use **TWEEZERS** as much as possible. They should be of good tension steel, pinned and specially shaped for stamp work.

from Philatopic Monthly, Nov. 1940



STAMP COLLECTING

USA 22

POS

17c
13c
10c
8c
6c
4c
3c
2c
1c

May 1964
Here in B.C. now engaged
a nice trip out - stayed here
one night nice city - beautiful

Miss Marie Ober
Kean Ave
A. Ottawa
4W6

PHILATEC PARIS - JUIN 1964
025

XXVII^e CONGRES
FÉDÉRAT^o
DES SOCIÉTÉS
PHILATÉAIQUES
FRANÇAISES
13 JUIN 64
PARIS

XXVII^e CONGRES NATIONAL
FÉDÉRATION
DES SOCIÉTÉS
PHILATÉAIQUES
FRANÇAISES
13 JUIN 64
PARIS

ENVELOPPE PHILATÉLQUE
ASSEMAN / 99, Bd. Libération
S-DENIS (Seine)

Ignacy Jan Paderewski, concert pianist and politician

Paderewski was born November 18 1860 in rural Poland where his father was an estate manager. Following musical studies in Warsaw, Berlin and Vienna he began a 50 year international career that made him one of the best known and best paid pianist of all time. His first American tour was made in 1891 and returned regularly until he settled in the United States in 1913 after purchasing a 2000 acre estate in California that he named Ranch San Ignacio. Paderewski's involvement in politics began during World War 1 as an active member and spokesman of the Polish National Committee in Paris. Following the end of the war he returned to the newly independent Poland and was appointed to the dual role of Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs. In 1921 he retired from politics to resume his musical career and left Poland never to return. Following the fall of Poland in 1939 Paderewski returned to public life when he became the head of the National Council of Poland, the Polish Government in Exile in London. He restarted his Polish Relief Fund and gave many concerts to raise money for the fund. During one such tour he was taken ill with pneumonia and died in New York on June 27 1941. Paderewski was initially buried at Arlington National Cemetery, in 1992 his body was taken to Warsaw and interred in St John's Cathedral.



Scott 2880a
1988 souvenir sheet
Issued to commemorate the
70th anniversary of Poland
regaining independence.
showing Paderewski, Piłsudski and Narutowicz.



Registered air mail letter addressed to Paderewski c/o the Polish Embassy, Washington.
June 30 1941



Scott 2727
Paderewski on stamp
issued for Ameripex '86

ROYAL WILLIAM



Painting of the Royal William by an unknown artist
Wikipedia



The *Royal William* was commissioned by John Molson and a group of investors at a cost of £16,000. One of the owners was Samuel Cunard of Halifax.



The keel was laid September 2, 1830 and the ship was built at Cape Blanc, Quebec. She was launched April 27, 1831 and towed to Montreal where the engines were built and installed. The ship entered service August 27, 1831 and was the largest passenger ship in the world and the first seagoing steamship built in Canada.



Royal William made several trips between Quebec and Atlantic ports but, in 1832, due to the cholera epidemic, was laid up in harbour bankrupting the venture. The ship was sold at auction for £10,000 with the new owners taking the ship to London to resell. On August 17, 1833 the *Royal William* sailed from Pictou, Nova Scotia and docked in London, England twenty five days later becoming the first boat to cross the Atlantic Ocean under steam for the entire distance.



Royal William was sold to the Spanish navy and rechristened *Isabella II* (*Isabella Segunda*). Following a period of active service she was converted to a training vessel and served as such until wrecked in a storm off Africa January 6, 1860

His Majesty's Airship *R100* Visits Canada

To compete with the German dominance of airship transportation, in 1924 the British Government ordered the building of 2 airships. The 219-meter-long *R-100* made its only flight to Canada in July 1930. During its 12-day visit, it was estimated that over 1,000,000 people came to see the airship even though Montreal had only 800,000 residents.

Below: Post card printed in Canada during the *R100*'s visit to Montreal.



Above: (TOP) A Genuine card mailed from the base of the air mast in St. Hubert and **(BOTTOM)** a forged cachet and cancellation on a cover created by New Jersey stamp dealer A.C Roessler who sold them for 25¢. Even in the Depression, the demand was so strong he was able to increase his price to 50¢.

POST-USSR INDEPENDENT UKRAINE: 1990s PROVISIONAL GENRE
A BEAUTIFUL 'UKRAINE-TO-CANADA COVER' ENTERED BY THE UKRAINIAN COLLECTIBLES SOCIETY



Regular International Airmail 15-October-1992, Cities of Yasinia, Lviv, Ukraine to Richmond-Hill, Ontario, Canada

Mixed franking of USSR stamps, provisional Ukraine overprints and stationery image met required 25-Karbovantsiv (dollars) in-era fee; Note→ **Cover bears oldest 1990s-revalued USSR stamps on record** when kopek and Ruble denominations were revalued to Ukraine's kopiyoys and Karbovantsiv; orange 1R and slate-grey 25k stamps are year-1954 reprints of stamps issued 1948-1949.

OVERPRINTED STAMP TYPES

Narrow solid shield type on 1Krb surcharge used for Lviv low-and-medium-revalues (0.35-0.43-0.45-0.50-1-3), wide solid shield type on 10Krb for Lviv high revalues (10-20-30-50); Note→ hollow shield types also exist for low-and-medium-revalues.



↑ Surcharged Stamps: One Each Perforate and Imperforate †



† Scans of the Overprints Lifted from these two Surcharges †

Just 34 of Ukraine's 750-plus 1990s overprint revalues are only surcharge-overprinted, all others being Trident-surcharge overprint combinations; only two of the 750-plus are imperforate, both on 2k and paired platform images as above-right; above case shows Trident image on both sides but two different surcharges per side; Note→no known mint imperforates for this stamp.