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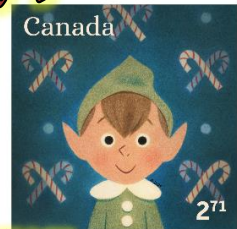
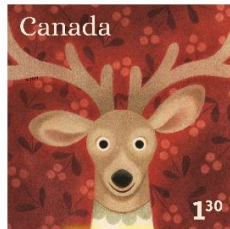
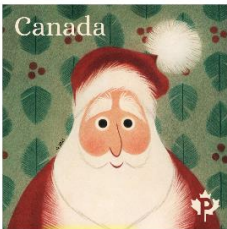
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Welcome to the “Winter” issue. The online, pdf issues, are taking hold and are growing in popularity. The Bitly.com service is being used to generate a Google Drive shortcut to the *PhilaJournals*. It reported over 1,100 people accessed the folder before this issue. BUT, thanks to Jerry Kalyn we now have recent *PhilaJournals* on our website. Go to www.gtapa.org and open the *PhilaJournal* web page. There you will find front page ikons of recent PJs. Hover your mouse over the “front page” to see the issue information. Click on the page to open the issue. To download click on the “download” button.



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March 23, 2022 Zoom Meeting @ 19:00 (7:00 pm) ET (US and Canada)

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Message from the President.

Not only is there a light at the end of the tunnel but it is getting brighter all the time. Many of us now believe that it will not be long until we can get back to in-person meetings. In fact, some clubs have already had such meetings even if with a small number of participants.

By the time you read this message, my own club, Bramalea Stamp Club will have held its first in-person meeting in more than 18 months.

Granted, in addition to adhering to the restrictions imposed by the City of Brampton who we rent our room from we have decided to apply new rules for handling our sales books and auction items. While these rules at first might appear overkill we believe it better be safe than sorry.

During the last couple of months, there have been a few shows with smaller numbers of dealers and controlled admittance where we collectors could not only see some fellow collectors but also add to our collections.

The GTAPA monthly meetings will have to continue to be held via Zoom since our regular meeting place at the Greene Foundation is unlikely to be open to groups due to a lack of room for safe social distancing.

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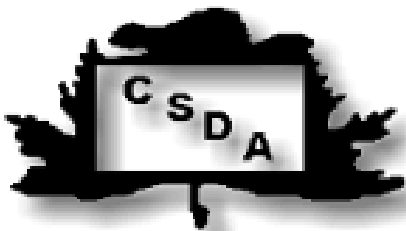
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The CAPEX 22 exhibition will be located in the 28,000 sq. ft Constitution Hall in the 100 level of the Metro Toronto Convention Centre (MTCC) North Building. The MTCC has just recently returned to normal capacity limits for trade shows after 19 months of Covid restrictions so, barring further covid complications, all is quite promising for a full exhibition in June.

Over 85 booths have been filled with a strong array of Canadian, US, and international dealers. The full state of dealers has recently been announced and can be found in the October CAPEX News bulletin. Chances are you will find your favorite Canadian dealers at the exhibition, as well as others from the US or overseas that may have the material you are looking for. CAPEX 22 is the first international stamp exhibition to be held in Canada in over 25 years and many of the top USA and international dealers and auction houses are eager for the opportunity to return to Canada, display their material, and offer their services.

The award-winning Canada 1868-1876 Large Queen collection of the late Fred Fawn will be sold by R. Maresch & Son at the CAPEX 22 auction on the evening of Friday, June 10, 2022 at the CAPEX 22 venue. The Large Queen issue of the classic period were the first stamps printed in Canada and have long been popular among collectors, specialists and exhibitors. If you collect Large Queens, this is an auction not to be missed. Watch for further details on the Auction page of www.capex22.org.

Canada Post is participating at CAPEX 22 with a large booth in the pre-function area. Canada Post has been an early supporter of CAPEX 22 with the issue of a CAPEX 22 overprint of the Bluenose 100 souvenir sheet issued June 29, 2021 in commemoration of the launching of the storied Bluenose fishing and racing schooner in Lunenburg, Nova Scotia in 1921. Only 60,000 CAPEX-overprinted souvenir sheets were printed, and only 40,000 un-overprinted souvenir sheets were issued. This is already a very popular issue for Canadian collectors. Canada Post will also be releasing a new stamp and overprint issue during the exhibition, which will be unveiled at a formal Stamp Launch ceremony.

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1900 REICHSPOST – Bigger is Better!



Perhaps one of the most commonly recognizable definitive stamps issued between 1900 and 1922 by the Deutsches Reich and Weimar Republik is the Germania Series of stamps. The image on these stamps is a depiction of German actress Anna Fühling (1866-1929). Engraver Paul Wardraff designed the Germania series by incorporating the likeness of the Actress from a photograph of her wearing an octagonal imperial crown, clutching a sword, and holding an olive branch.

The 1900 Germania Series was inscribed with “REICHSPOST” (Empire Post Office) and was valid starting Jan.1, 1900. However, as in many philatelic cases, rarities exist which render the ordinary, extraordinary. For philatelists whose specialisms extend beyond the norm, the Germania series is well worth a closer look for a couple of reasons.

(Michel # 53-62) and (SC # 52-61)

So-called “Early Printing”

According to Michel Specialized Catalogue the so-called earlier printings (essays, which are thought to be delivered in small quantities for publication in the philatelic press) are distinguishable by the **broader** and **larger** REICHSPOST inscription, beginning with the 25 Pf., ending with the 80 Pf..

Pre 1900 Cancellations

Although the official starting date was Jan 1, 1900 some were already in circulation (canceled) at the end of **December 1899**. These highly collectible stamps have a substantial price premium, particularly for the higher Pfennig values. Rare indeed and despite countless hours of investigating, my search continues. Who knows, perhaps you just might have better luck locating these seemingly commonplace German stamps in your collection. Better take a look!

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Scott #1454i VAR

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Saint Mary MacKillop

The A T A (American Topical Association) has 3839 “Saints on Stamps” listed worldwide. This article is about the first stamp issued by the Australia Post commemorating a canonized Australian Saint.



Mary MacKillop (15 January 1842 - 8 August 1909), best known as Mother Mary of the Cross, was born in Fitzroy, Melbourne, to Scottish parents, Alexander and Flora. Mary was educated primarily by her father who had studied for the priesthood in Rome and in Scotland.

Dreaming of helping the poor, Mary founded the congregation of the Sisters of St. Joseph of the Sacred Heart in 1866 with the help of Fr. Julian Tenison Woods, the parish priest of Penola in South Australia. The congregation's main mission was to educate children and provide for the needs of the poor.

Like Mary, the Sisters lived simple lives. Following the papal approval of the Congregation, Mary established schools, convents, and charitable institutions throughout Australia and New Zealand.

Mary was beatified on January 19, 1995, and following two recognized miracles, was canonized on October 17, 2010 in Rome, thereby becoming Australia's first consecrated saint.

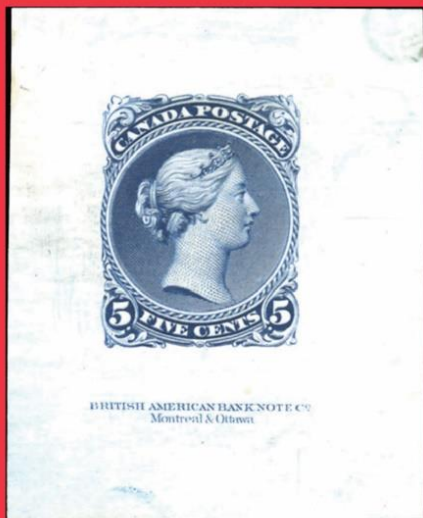
The stamp is SC #3372 and was issued as a sheet of 10 stamps by the Australia Post on Oct. 18, 2010.

These stamps, maxi-card, and covering brochure (not shown) were sent to me by a friend in the Ukrainian Stamp Club of Australia.



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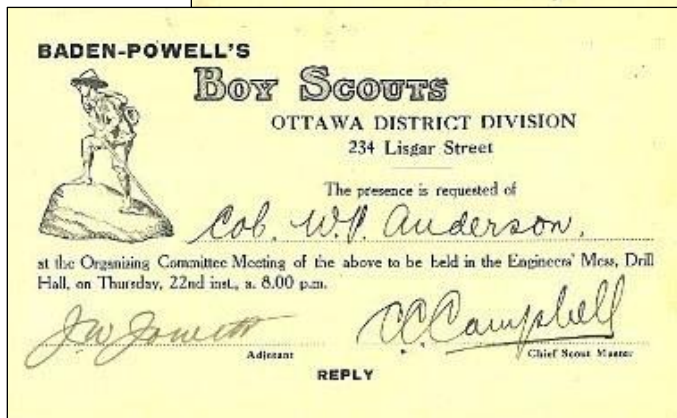


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Scouting Comes To Canada

In 1907, Lord Baden-Powell held an “experimental camp” in England to test out his idea for a scout program for boys. From this, scouting spread rapidly throughout the United Kingdom. The program also received a lot of good press around the world. In Canada, individuals were writing to the UK Scout Association ordering books and uniforms. Much of this happened before the Canadian Boy Scout Association was finally organized by an Act of Parliament in 1914.

But this didn’t stop regions from organizing themselves to meet the demand. This Canada postal card canceled July 20, 1909, shows the Ottawa region wasn’t waiting for a country organization to be formed.



A Mr. Campbell is calling a meeting of the Organizing Committee of the Baden-Powell’s Boy Scouts Ottawa District on July 22 at the Engineers Drill Hall. It is addressed to Col. Anderson and sent by the “Adjutant” J. W. Jarrett. This connection to the military was common in the early days of scouting, with the increasing threat of World War 1.

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Town Postmark Names – Lost To Time & History!

“York” changed to “Toronto” in March 1834

On the Wikipedia online site, it is stated that "York was a town and second capital of the colony of Upper Canada (established in 1791 by the Kingdom of Great Britain). It is the predecessor to the old city of Toronto (1834–1998).

In the 1820s, the town experienced a surge of immigrants, expanding from 1,000 residents to over 9,000 by the time the town was incorporated as the City of Toronto in 1834."

The government of the colony came to be dominated by a small group of persons and established many positions within the Legislative Council in addition to establishing a Postal system.

September 8, 1951 issue of "Stamps", a weekly magazine of Philately (Vol.76, #10, WN #991), has an exceptional article: Canada Straight Line Postmarks.



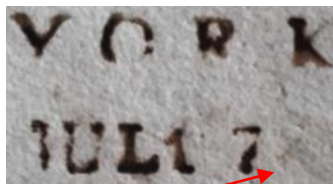
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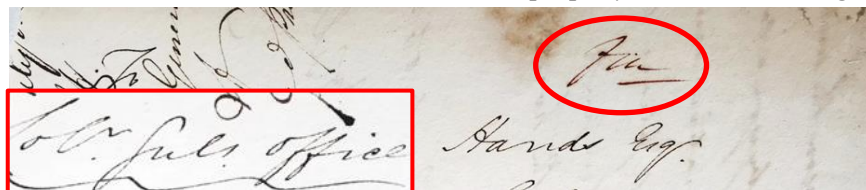
YORK (1817-1824, 28x4, black)
 3.50–10.00

Type dated second line, but year seldom present rounded serif on the letter. Above two YORK are quite similar, and York was changed to Toronto in 1834.



Below, a stampless letter from Henry John Boulton who was the Solicitor General appointed in 1818, writing from the **SG's Office** in York on July 17, 1823, to the Land Collector in

Sandwich, Ontario about Sale of Condemned property. **“FREE”** franking.



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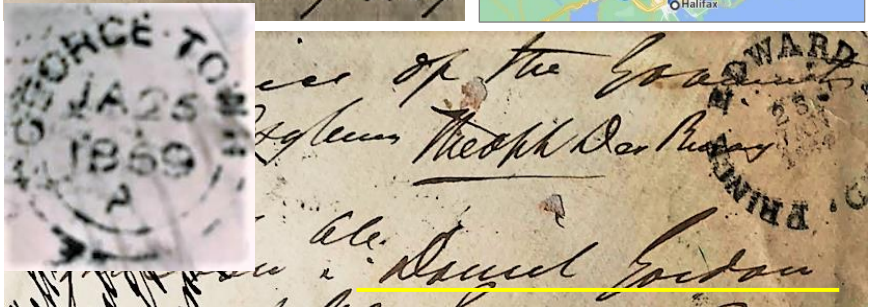
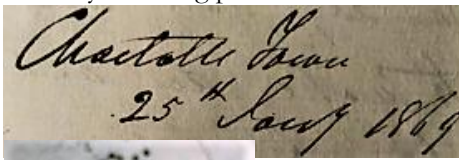
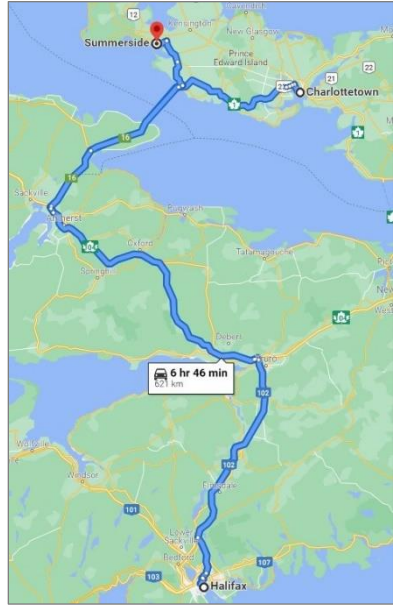
PEI Charlottetown (Mail Rerouted)

News snippet: In a December 2013 article in The Guardian, it is noted that "Canada Post has once again put the stamp of change on Prince Edward Island (PEI). Mail from PEI will no longer bear a PEI postmark now that it goes to Halifax for sorting, that is unless a person specifically requests it from Canada Post." Search for "Prince Edward Island postmark a rare stamp now"

Therefore: If someone mails a letter in Charlottetown, PEI that's destined for Summerside, PEI (approximately 60 km by car) that letter has to go to Halifax, NS first, where a machine is sorting 25,000 to 35,000 letters per hour.

Historical finds:

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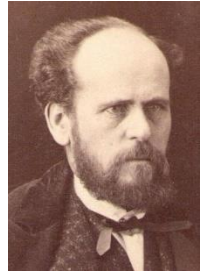


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New Brunswick, 1863 – Steamer Mail to Honorable, Peter Mitchell

The British North America Act came into effect on July 1, 1867, marking the birth of the Dominion of Canada. The Dominion comprised four provinces: Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, Quebec, and Ontario. In 2017 Canada celebrated its 150th anniversary. Honorable Peter Mitchell was a strong supporter and one of the Fathers of the Canadian Confederation.

Here, is an 1863 (3 years prior to Confederation) cover and folded letter addressed to Peter Mitchel. The letter is a reply by the shipping company in Liverpool, England declining purchase of ships offered for sale due, to “fear of pirates & price of £10 per ton being too high”!





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A Fathers Legacy... New Zealand Post Office CALS



The New Zealand Post Office offers residents the opportunity to design their own stamps, called CALS (Customer Advertising Labels), which are similar to the Canada Post Picture Postage stamps. There is quite a story behind these 3 airmail CALS. A dealer in stamps by the name of Dunedin Stamp Centre celebrated their 50th anniversary in 2018. The owner, Don White, decided to celebrate this anniversary by issuing a set of 3 CALS to celebrate the memory of his late father, who had entered a competition to design Air Mail Stamps for New Zealand back in 1932.

A Fathers Legacy... In 1932 the N.Z. Postmaster-General invited entries for a proposed new set of airmail stamps. Some 219 designs were received from 75 entrants. Three of the designs were selected, but none reproduced well in line-engraving, so the proposed issue was eventually abandoned.

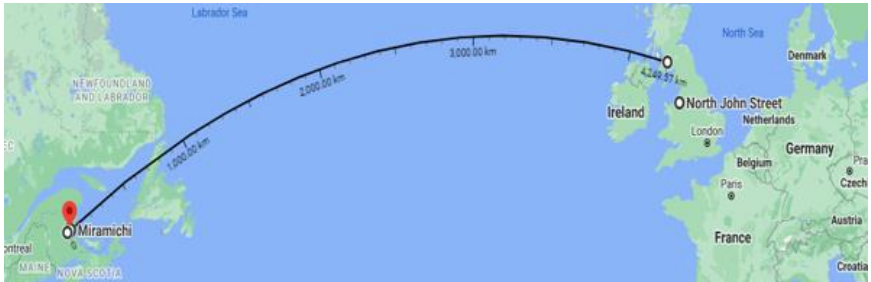
Among the budding designers was a young Dunedin architect, James (Jim) White, Don White's father, who not only was a talented artist, but he knew aircraft, having served in the Royal Flying Corps in 1918. He submitted the three designs shown: 3d. "Mt Cook"; 5d "Wellington Harbour"; and 7d "Mt. Ngauruhoe". Each pen and ink design was accompanied by 6 stamp-size colour trials.

In 2018 Don White designed and issued this set of CALS, which incorporated his father's designs from 1932 and are printed in the colours of the 1935 airmails. It took 86 years, but his father's stamps were finally issued.

CALS are handled in a certain way; there is a minimum purchase required, and are usually beyond the ability of an individual to buy. CALS are not shown in any catalogues, but are still postage stamps and valid for mail. They are much in demand by collectors, particularly in New Zealand.

Most of the information in this article was sent to me by a Stamp pen-pal in Great Britain who is an avid collector of items that are unique. Interested parties might want to contact dunedinstamps@gmail.com.

The cover bears 7 pence postage (4½ pence for the British claim and 2½ pence for the Canada inland postage). The “466” is a Liverpool, England marking. Addressed to Miramichi, New Brunswick (this Post Office existed from 1825 to 1843 and then was renamed Chatham in 1843). The letter was mailed on Saturday, April 4, 1863 and received in Chatham (Miramichi) on Wednesday, April 22, 1863. The journey took 18 days on the Royal Mail Paddle Steamer S.S. “Arabia“ (marked on both cover and the letter) via Queenston & Halifax.



Encyclopedia of British Empire Postage Stamps (Vol. V)–North America:

On page 362, 2nd last paragraph reads: “In 1860... a subsidy was paid by the New Brunswick Government to the owners of the steamer S.S. ”Arabia” to carry mail from Shediac to Quebec touching at intermediate ports Chatham (Miramichi), Dalhousie, Paspébiac and Gaspé) to connect with the Allan Line Steamers.”

Postmarks Found On Folded-Letter

- Chatham on the left.
- George Wright & Co, South John Street, Liverpool is the oval stamp.
- Liverpool Post Office



There is also a New Castle postmark on the letter that was not researched.

Peter Mitchell’s short biography

Born January 4, 1824 at Newcastle in the county of Northumberland, New Brunswick. Died October 25, 1899 in Montreal. Parents immigrated to New Brunswick from Scotland in 1818 & settled on the Miramichi River.

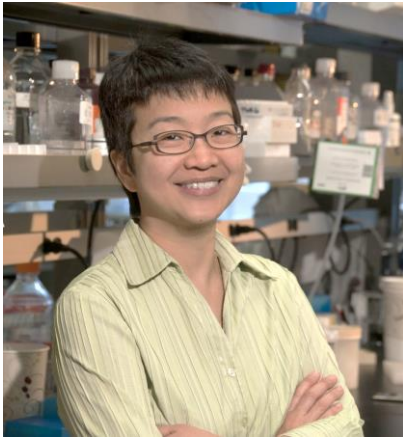
He became a lawyer, later in the business of lumbering and shipbuilding. Became Premier of New Brunswick (1866 – 67); Senator for New Brunswick (1867 – 1872); Member of the Canadian Parliament for Northumberland County, New Brunswick (1872 – 1878). In 1885, Mitchell purchased the Montreal Herald and Daily Commercial Gazette and used them to attack the policies of both Liberals and Conservatives. (From Wikipedia: [link](#))

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NTSC wins GOLD and VERMEIL Medals

The North Toronto Stamp Club is proud to announce that the NTSC has been awarded a Vermeil Medal for our website and a Gold Medal for our Newsletter in the APS Star Route Awards. Congratulations to Jean Wang as the Club Editor and Leon Matthys as the Club Webmaster for their well-deserved recognition. You can watch the APS awards ceremony at

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“NTSC Presents” Program to continue in 2022

The screenshot shows the YouTube channel page for "NTSC Presents", which has 50 subscribers. The page features a navigation bar with "HOME", "VIDEOS", "PLAYLISTS", "CHANNELS", and "ABOUT". Below the navigation bar, there are "Uploads" and "PLAY ALL" buttons, and a "SORT BY" dropdown menu. The main content area displays a grid of video thumbnails. Each thumbnail includes a video player preview, a title, and a view count. The videos cover various philatelic topics such as "The Postal History of the Commonwealth Caribbean Region", "2021 November 11 Hospital for Sick Children Early...", "2021 September 9 Show and Tell Part 2", "2021 August 12 Exploring Astronomy & Space Through...", "2021 July 8 Belgian Railway Stamps", "2021 June 10 NTSC Show and Tell", "2021 May 13 Bangkok Postal History to 1885", "1989 50c Parliament...", "The Status of Michelangelo's Paintings in...", "2020 Feb 11 The Postal History of Norfolk Island", "2021 Jan 14 The Last Two German Zeppelins", "2020 Nov 12 A Stamp Collector Visits Antarctica", "2020 Oct 8 Superman on Stamps", "SEAPEX 2020 (Sept 13) COVID-19-Related Philately...", "2020 Sept 10 History and Spirit of Berlin as Seen...", "2020 Aug 13 NTSC Show and Tell", "2020 July 9 Philatelic Tour of Italy's Sorrento Region", and "2020 June 11 COVID-19-Related Philately".

When in June 2020 we, at the North Toronto Stamp Club, started our monthly Zoom meetings, which included philatelic presentations, we saw it as a temporary solution to maintain contact with our members while we were forced to stop in-person meetings at the Yorkminster Park Baptist Church due to Covid-19.

This “temporary” solution has lasted now 18 months. In the beginning, many members had difficulty participating in Zoom meetings. With time they learned and now over 50% of our members are joining the virtual meetings. In addition to that, these meetings have allowed us to expand our audience to many stamp collectors who, for logistic reasons, could never attend a physical gathering of the Club. Also, the pool of presenters expanded considerably. We have enlisted presenters from as far as the United Kingdom (even with the 5-hours time gap). In these 18 months, our presentations covered the widest range of subjects, from the first presentation by Jean Wang on Covid-19 stamps to the Postal History of Norfolk Island, a tour of Antarctica, a tour of the Sorrento region and the Sistine chapel, see the picture above!

When we resume in-person meetings in 2022 we want to remain in touch with those members who cannot attend physical meetings. Therefore, as soon as we restart the Club meetings (on the 2nd and 4th Thursday of the month) we will add a third meeting. This meeting will take place on the 3rd Thursday of each month and will be a Zoom meeting with a similar agenda to current virtual get-togethers. Therefore, the “NTSC Presents” program will continue in 2022 and we hope you will join us for these presentations. If you have any questions about the NTSC Presents program please contact me at NTSCProgramchair@gmail.com



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Big WINS for SOSSI at APS Star Route Awards

By editor.



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They also took home a **Large Gold** for their Newsletter.

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Oshawa/Whitby/Brooklin does not give up!

Submitted by Larry Friend.

No Zoom meetings or presentations for our group of clubs. While we are not able to meet indoors - we have continued our outdoor meeting on the First and Third Fridays. We usually start at 8:30 am and go to 10:30 am.

We meet at a back parking lot behind a Tim Hortons in Whitby.

We have members and visitors who come from as far away as Trenton and Toronto. Usually 15 to 20 participants. All are welcomed – just email me for information (lfriend@sympatico.ca)

Troyak Club resumes physical meetings.

Submitted by Tom Malicki.

Given a green light by the City of Mississauga and the venue where we meet Polish-Canadian Coin & Stamp Club “Troyak” has resumed physical meetings on the last Sunday of the month. We had a meeting in September and October and the next one is on Sunday, November 28th. Go to www.troyakclub.com for more information. Each time more than 20 members turned out to see a presentation, trade, and generally enjoy each other’s company. Our big topic of discussion is how to spread the news that we have an online store with many philatelic offerings. It is hard to get web traffic without spending huge amounts of money (which we do not have). So please take a look, click on the link above.

On October 3rd Troyak held its bi-annual Mississauga Stamp & Coin Show (see pg.17). I believe this was the first physical show after 18 months of lockouts. It was a success. Feedback from visitors and the dealers was very positive. **And YES, this is not only a coin show! Several STAMP dealers attended and were very happy with the results. One even stayed open after 4:00 pm to accommodate his clients who had to wait their turn for a chair at his tables, given the social distancing rules in effect.**

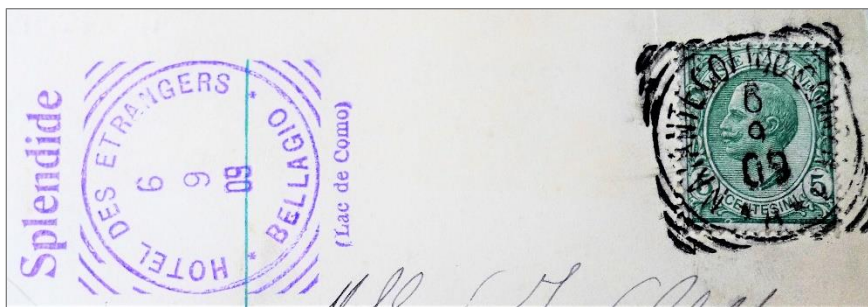
The Italian Private Squared Circle Postmarks



The study of the Italian Squared Circle Postmarks is very challenging as these have been used for around 30 years (mostly between 1890 and 1920) all over Italy and the latest catalogue lists about 10,000 different varieties and types of squared circle postmarks. After 130 years from the introduction of these postmarks, the Editor of the Gaggero Catalogue continues to receive two or three notifications every month of new discoveries. Soon, it will be necessary to issue an addendum to the 2016 edition of the catalogue. While the Gaggero catalogue covers all Italian Squared Circle Postmarks there are quite a few publications that cover the same postmarks at the Regional or Provincial levels. However, there is an aspect of the Italian Squared Circle Postmarks that is not covered in any publication or any catalogue and these are the Private Squared Circle Postmarks. And yet these postmarks have been used in a variety of locations all over the country and are extremely interesting.



To understand how these private postmarks became popular in Italy, one has to understand that the squared circle postmarks were present in every single town in Italy and were much nicer and more effective than the previous cancel. These attracted a lot of attention, specifically in other organizations that handled the mail before or after it was delivered to the addressee.



In particular, the hotels had an issue: the concierge was receiving letters and postcards that had to be mailed on behalf of the hotel guests. Sometimes they contained important documents which had to be delivered urgently and the concierge needed to have proof that the delivery had been done in an expedient matter. A marking had to be put on the letter stating the time of acceptance of the mail from the hotel guest, but it could not be a simple pen notation. It had to be done in a professional and “elegant” manner. Somebody came up with the idea of using a modified version of a postal squared circle postmark to record the time of acceptance of the correspondence. The private postmark would be put not far from the stamp so that once the stamp was canceled the two postmarks would be close to each other and the addressee would be able to confirm that the correspondence had been delivered to the post office the same day that it had been received from the sender. (except for night mail which would be delivered the morning after)

To note that these private hotel postmarks should not be confused with the postmarks of the official post offices of Poste Italiane which were opened in some (very few) hotels in the early 20th century due to the high volume of correspondence getting in and out of those hotels and their specific location. Those postmarks are genuine postal items and are all listed in a specialized catalogue written by Enrico Bertazzoli.



Although I have a good number of private hotel square circles, they are not enough to allow me to find out who and in which hotel this new fashion of hotel postmarks was started. It is certain that it began around 1902-1903 in northern Italy and it spread. Most of the high-scale hotels, all over the country, soon adopted the new system. As a result, a collection of hotel square circle postmarks can easily cover a couple of hundred different ones, most in purple, but also using other, brighter colours.



In general, the letters and postcards in my collection testify that the system worked extremely well and the hotel personnel was very efficient in handling the mail. Particularly interesting are letters which were delivered via lake steamers (not shown). The hotel had to make sure that they were rushed to the steamer before its departure. The delivery had to be made on the same day, often within a few hours from when the letter had been received.



In my collection, there is only one card where probably something went wrong. The hotel postmark shows the date of August 5, 1912 while the post office cancel shows the date of August 14th, nine days later... Why? Did they keep the registered card on hold for 9 days before bringing it to the post office? Luckily the handwritten message

of the sender, a certain Adolphe Girny, is dated August 14th so it confirms that the card was delivered the same day and that probably the employee at the concierge of the Hessler hotel in Naples had simply forgotten to update the date of the hotel postmark which should have shown the date of August 14th instead of August the 5th... mystery solved.



The private square circle postmarks were used also outside the hotel environment mostly for advertising reasons. Some in my collection cover a diversified number of



locations like international or local expos (Esposizione Milano 1906, Esposizione Regionale Udine 1903, Souvenir of the Italian Exhibition London 1904); Insurance offices (Agenzia Generali Venezia); Banks (Banca Popolare del Matese 1913); Municipalities (Comune di Rocca Palumba); theaters (La Scala di Milano); Monuments and Museums (Scavi di Velleia, Villa Pliniana - Lago di Como); Tourist resorts (Lido d'Albaro- Genova, Grotte Valganna-Ristorante e Albergo, Ristorante Belvedere-Isola dei Pescatori); Local events (Festegg. Autunnali Verbanesi, Verbania 1906); Religious places (Santuario di N.S. di Monte Allegro-Rapallo 1910); Lawyers

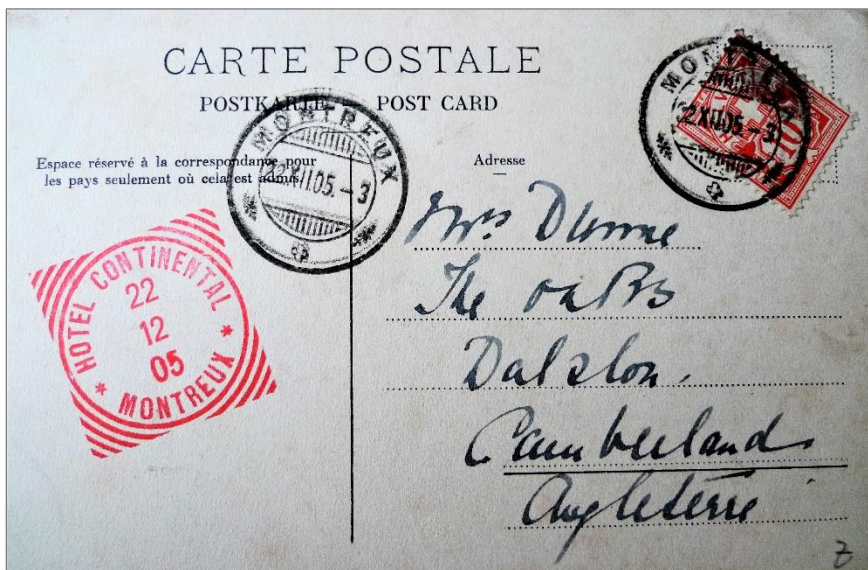
(avv. Piccini-Roma 1905) and various private companies like Cav,A,Monsacchi,Legino (Savona) 1904, possibly a postcard trader.



A very interesting one is the card of Francesco Anastasi Padova 1913 which combines both a private square circled postmark and a perfin (F.A.) on the same postcard sent to Germany.

I am in contact with Daniele Prudenzeno, the Editor of the Gaggero catalogue of Squared Circle Postmarks and I am looking at the possibility to combine my list of private postmarks with his list. I expect that our combined list will exceed 300 entries.

It is worth mentioning that the private squared circle postmarks spilled over the Italian borders. In my collection, I have an example of one made by the Hotel Continental in Montreux. Switzerland, the year 1905; one made by Ansichtskart Verlagsanst Lt in Meran (then Austria, now Italy) in 1914 and one made by Walter Erdman & C in Corfu, Greece in 1905 (not shown).



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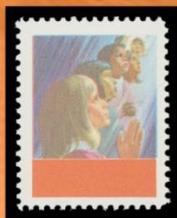
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