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The **GOOD READER AWARD** winner from the Spring (#88) issue, picked in a blind draw, is **David Gooderham** from West Toronto Stamp Club.... CONGRATULATIONS!

The contest will end with this Fall issue. Two prizes will be awarded (because I already bought the prizes), even though the participation is terrible. The Summer issue attracted five entries. I presume more would like a Stamp Mount Cutter and special mount glue (as pictured) worth \$86. So, if you are reading this article before **October 21, 2024**, email philajournal@gmail.com and in the subject line, say:



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In the email body, write your name and the GTAPA Club you belong to. Remember, this contest is open to all members from GTAPA Clubs, including the executives, but will only ship to a Canadian address, so we encourage everyone to participate. The cut-off for sending emails is the end of the day on Sunday, October 20, 2024. The draw will occur during the GTAPA Zoom meeting on October 23, 2024.

In the previous issue (No.88), I explained the challenge faced by the GTAPA executives, those who are committed to attending the Zoom meetings and participating in discussions. At a special meeting on July 24, 2024, a motion was put forward, voted on and passed to dissolve the GTAPA effective December 31, 2024. A detailed meeting summary was sent to all GTAPA Clubs via their GTAPA directors. Therefore, you are reading the second last issue of the *PhilaJournal*.

The *PhilaJournal* and the email broadcasts are GTAPA's tools for communicating with you, telling you what other clubs are doing, passing on the experience and knowledge of stamp collectors and researchers, and introducing you to new aspects of philately and new collecting “rabbit holes” to dive into. Without GTAPA, the *PhilaJournal* stops publishing. The archives (all issues from 01 to 90, in PDF format) will be available at the VGG and APS libraries. The website will also be archived. More details will be published in the last issue on or about November 27, 2024.

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**Highlights Of the GTAPA Board of Directors
Special Zoom Meeting on Wednesday, July 24, 2024**

[Ed.: This is an abridged summary of the original highlights as distributed to GTAPA member clubs]

Welcome: Tom Malicki “invited” 12 directors who were in attendance and who were all welcomed. In Larry Friend’s absence, Tom Malicki presided over the meeting to discuss the future of the GTAPA.

For the record, the Directors present at the meeting were representing 11 of the 17 member clubs that form the GTAPA:

1. Tom Malicki – Troyak Club
2. Paul Delongchamp – Ajax -Pickering Stamp Club
3. Jerry Piotrowski – Bramalea Stamp Club
4. Yvan Racine – Cobourg and Fenelon Stamp Clubs
5. Garfield Portch – West Toronto Stamp Club
6. Mark Armstrong – Kawartha Stamp Club
7. Alvin Gallay – Kawartha Stamp Club
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10. Rose Van Sickle - Scouts on Stamps Society International (SOSSI)
11. Jerry Kalyon – Ukrainian Stamp Club
12. Bob Henderson – Markham Stamp Club

Mark Armstrong presented a PowerPoint presentation summarizing the many survey questionnaire responses received from 13 out of 17 clubs in the GTAPA who returned their answers. In summary, the answers to the questionnaire were represented in a questionnaire-by-questionnaire format within the PowerPoint presentation [Ed.: Available from Club’s GTAPA Directors and distributed to them with these “Highlights”]

The presentation was well received by those attending the meeting, and the GTAPA counsel was thanked for their efforts in planning, preparing, and presenting this survey and the initial report.

The consensus reached from a review of the responses to the survey questions was that the larger clubs are all self-sufficient and self-sustaining. However, the smaller clubs need support from other stamp clubs and philatelic bodies to enhance their respective programs and undertakings. In this regard, clubs in the current GTAPA do not appear willing to assist other clubs or offer the needed manpower for GTAPA or regional activities. Consequently, each club is expected to organize their programs and activities, and few are called upon to assist other clubs in ensuring the viability of the clubs in the GTAPA at present and in the future.

As for communications, there is ample opportunity to interact with fellow philatelists and their respective clubs via Internet websites, email or Facebook, or organized philately such as the Green Foundation, RPSC, BNAPS, APS, etc.

As you know, Garfield Portch drafted a paper last September asking if the GTAPA had run its course. The paper "The Future of the GTAPA 2023-09-09" was distributed to clubs with September 27, 2023, minutes by Paul Delongchamp on Monday, October 16, 2023, at 1:16 PM. Since asking the question, the Board of Directors has debated the continuing existence of GTAPA, and the survey is the culmination of the exercise in which each member club was asked to participate.

As noted, the consensus from the survey was that it was worth keeping GTAPA active. However, not one person volunteered to serve on the Board as its President, and it would not be easy to man the Board on a going-forward basis. In other words, GTAPA would be a good idea going forward if someone else was willing and able to do the work.

As such, the special meeting to determine the fate of the GTAPA scheduled for this evening [Wednesday, July 24, 2024] was communicated to all representatives of the 17 clubs in the GTAPA and notices were sent to all member clubs in May and again in June inviting participation.

The special meeting held on July 24th, with 12 representatives (the usual supporters) representing 11 of the 17 member clubs, was mandated to discuss our future involvement with this philatelic organization. There was a general feeling of disappointment.

The survey committee found that most member clubs favoured maintaining the GTAPA, but only as long as someone else did the work. There was a general feeling that the Phila]ournal was the organization's only redeeming value.

Following a lengthy discussion, Garfield Portch tabled a motion "that, effective December 31, 2024, the GTAPA cease operations, dissolve and transfer the bank account balance as a donation to the Greene Foundation." Jerry Piotrowski seconded the motion, which went to a vote of those present, with 10 in favour, one opposed, and one abstaining. The motion was carried, with a simple majority of the Board members present under Article VIII, Section 2 of the [GTAPA] Constitution.

In this regard, Tom Malicki has agreed to continue publishing the *Philajournal* until December 31, 2024. This will comprise both the Fall and Winter issues. After that, the *Philajournal* will cease operation.

We agreed to hold the final meeting late in the year at the Greene Foundation. During this meeting, we would have a single-page competition and the usual cake, cookies, and coffee...



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Another successful show at Wasaga Beach - even bigger and better this year



The Georgian Bay Coin & Stamp Club (GBCSC) held another show on August 17th at the Wasaga Beach Rec Plex. This time, in the spirit of our dual-hobby club, it was both a numismatic and a philatelic event. That made it much more significant than our April 2023 Stamp Show or August 2023 Coin Show. We had to use one of the larger event rooms this time to accommodate the 50 dealer tables.

Organizing Committee member Bill Beattie judged the event to be highly successful. All dealer tables were used despite a few last-minute cancellations; there was a waiting list of other dealers who needed more room.

The show ran from 9:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. Total attendance was 228, including the dealers and volunteers and 159 paid attendees. This exceeded last summer's shows, which we considered very successful for the club's first such effort in many years.

Thanks to Nancy Clark, this year's event was well advertised online, in newspapers, and on Facebook. Thanks to free ads in Canadian Coin News and Canadian Stamp News, word of the show reached well-targeted audiences. Eager collectors showed up. Thank you, Mike Walsh!

Our Organizing Committee consisted of Peter Barnes, Bill Beattie, Nancy Clark, Sean McTeague, and Bob Stewart (Show Director). A fine group of volunteers supported them.

A team of members organized the creation of a 50th Anniversary of the GBCSC First-Day Stamp Cover Envelope. These were sold at the show. Ian McRuer and Bob Stewart (both had friends who helped in the early stages with creative ideas) started developing the logo for the club's 50th-anniversary celebration after last year's stamp show.



Ian McRuer (left), GBCSC Director, with Ted Kupka, President of the Barrie Stamp Club, at the Silent auction tables.

GBCSC members: Daria Malan, Volunteer (left), and Nancy Clark, Vice-President, Wasaga Beach Chapter

Nancy Clark edited the final submission. Peter Barnes helped with our assembly line, which put the Club's remaining stamps with the image of the historic ship Nancy on the first-day covers, which Ian had printed up. Ian had a contact at Canada Post who provided the 50th-anniversary postmark cancellation, so it was truly a team effort. All the different stages were completed on time!

Sean McTeague got great support from the Barrie Stamp Club president Ted Kupka and his fellow club members, who operated the silent auction tables filled with stamp and coin lots. This was a big hit. Thanks also to members of our neighbouring clubs, the Champlain Coin Club in Orillia and the Simcoe Currency Club in Thornton, for their support.



Once again, this year, the ONA President Cassidy Stroud wore her RCNA Youth Coordinator hat and ran the RCNA Kids' Table. Thanks for your support, Cassidy.

The show turned a small profit, which was gratifying. A portion was donated to the local Food Bank. Thanks to everyone who participated and supported this show. See you next year!



Bill Beattie, a regular dealer at GBCSC meetings, was a key member of the show's organizing committee.



Ian McRuer (left), GBCSC Director, with Ted Kupka, President of the Barrie Stamp Club at the Silent auction tables.



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Fenelon Falls was a beautiful place to be on Saturday, August 10, 2024.

Not only was it the annual show of the Fenelon Stamp Club, but many activities were happening in town as it celebrated its 150th anniversary.

This was the club's 38th annual show, and this year's was different as we added the coin dealers.

There was a special appearance of local author Caroline Fenelius-Carpenter, who introduced her latest book, 'Jewels of the Kawarthas, Memories of Fenelon Falls.'



Fenelon Falls local author Caroline Fenelius-Carpenter (right) enjoys conversation with guests as they visit FENPEX. Club member Lloyd McEwan (background, center) welcomes visitors, helping them with enquiries.

The day started off quickly with a record crowd in attendance. Caroline and club members Lloyd and Maureen McEwan greeted everyone as they came in, creating an excellent welcoming atmosphere. Guests came in from as far away as Quebec, Mississauga, and about every Lake Ontario town eastward to Belleville and Trenton. In talking to visitors, we discovered they were coin collectors buying stamps and vice versa. A limited number of displays on hand created quite the elation among visitors, as several of them illustrated postcards and postal history of the town's early days.

(one more picture on page XX)

Resident club dealer, Jim Allen of Perforation Plus, assists customers with their interests



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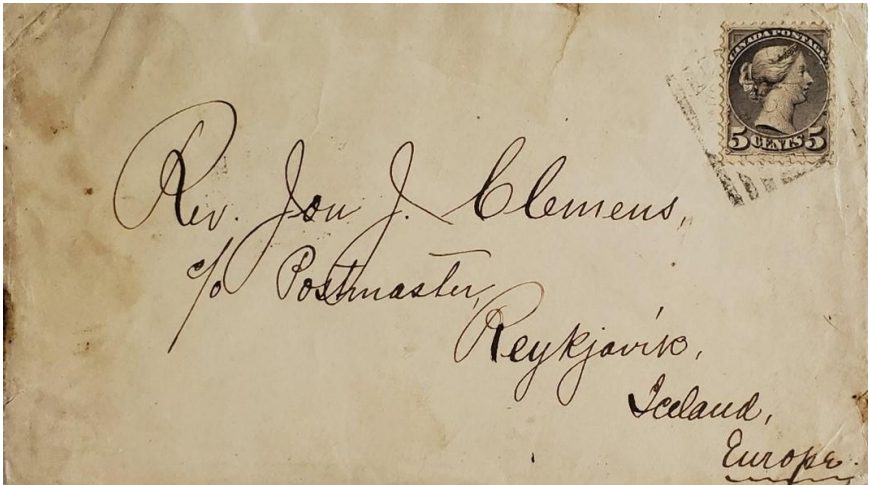
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Large and Small Queen Postal History, a short version

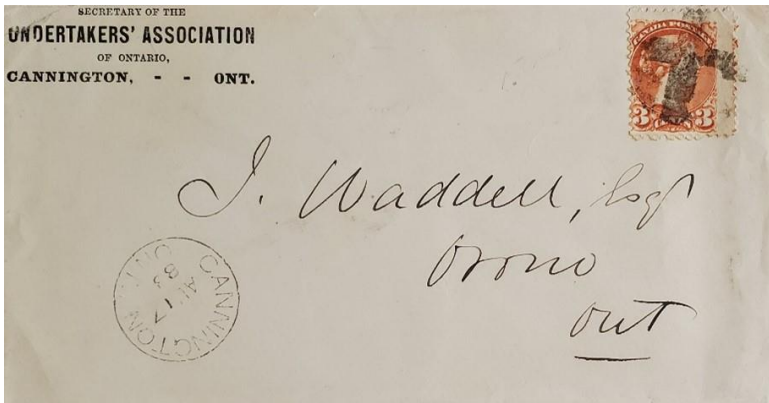
As a collector for over 55 years, I have learned many important lessons from past mentors such as Allen Steinhart, Richard Lamb, Jim Hennock, and my grandfather, Robert Edward Baumer Armstrong—a close friend of a pioneer philatelist from the past, John Young.

There were others; even today, I find it a lifeline to network with others. The biggest lesson learned is: if you do not know or understand something, ask! Never be afraid of ignorance. Secondly, have fun with what you collect and share it with others to encourage the hobby.

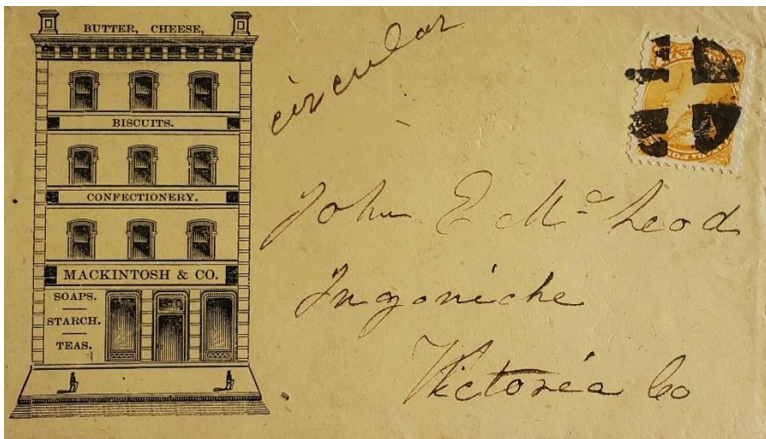
Though I primarily collect the postal history of the old Victoria County (now known as the City of Kawartha Lakes) and Peterborough County, I equally enjoy covers addressed to/from ministers (not the political type) who were pioneers in the early churches in Canada. Also of interest are covers to or from philatelic organizations and unusual destinations. Here are a few selections I hope you enjoy.



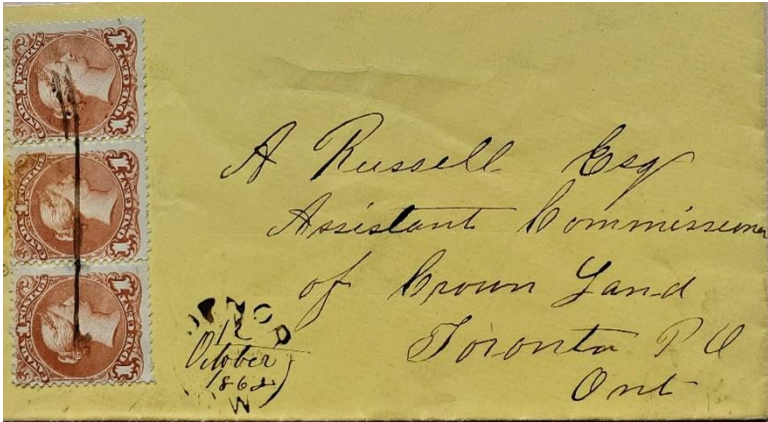
This is a scarce destination cover for the use of a 5-cent Small Queen. It is from the second Ottawa printing of 1888 – 1897, perf. 12, paying the letter rate to Reykjavik, Iceland. Having used several filters, I have been unable to determine the clarity of the square-circle postmark. The reverse shows two transit b/s markings: London, England, 17 Feb. 1897 and Leith, England, 18 Feb. 1897.



Sometimes, a Small Queen cover gets your attention with some detail out of the ordinary, such as this cover. The 3-cent Small Queen is an early printing from the Ottawa 1888-87 engrave. Showing a portion of the next stamp to the right, it is perf. 12. Posted in CANNINGTON ONT. AU 17, 88, full circle, addressed to Orono Ont. There is a transit b/s of NEWCASTLE ONT. AU 20, 88. So far, nothing out of the ordinary. Here's what caught my attention. The obliterator applied in Cannington resembles a fancy 'Cross-like' image. Compare this to the ironic corner advertising logo; 'UNDERTAKERS ASSOCIATION OF ONTARIO.'



Here's a case where I got overly excited thinking I found a new discovery for my Victoria County collection, yet I had the geography erased from my mind, momentarily. A strikingly beautiful advertising cover, franked with a 1-cent Small Queen, Montreal printing of 1873 - 74, perf. 11½x12, tied by a fancy cancel, paying the 'Circular' unsealed rate. Addressed to Inganiche, Victoria County, this is where I thought I had a new find. Geography and research taught me to look in another Direction, all the way to the east coast, in particular, Nova Scotia. Here's where I could use your help. As per the advertising corner, where is the business of 'Mackintosh & Co.' located? Might this be a 'Drop-rate' cover?



Lastly, let's look at a Large Queen cover.

This one could not have made me any happier to add to my Victoria County collection. Franked with a strip of three, 1-cent Large Queen issues of the April 1, 1868 printing order, pays the letter rate to Toronto. Mailed on October 12, 1868 (manuscript in broken circle; the only recorded use for this post office). Transit b/s of CARDEN ONT OC 12 68 broken circle, and receiving b/s of TORONTO C.W. OC 13 68. UPNOR, named for Upnor Castle in Kent, England, opened their post office in Carden township on February 01, 1865. Thomas Tresidder was their only postmaster until it closed on September 30, 1870. Upnor exchanged mails with Carden, the township's principal town, once per week.

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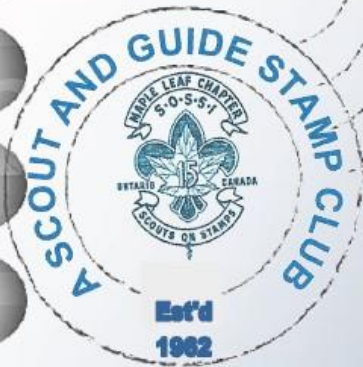
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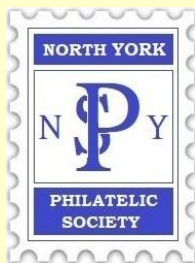
As you may remember, NYPS started having monthly online auctions in the spring of 2023, and it has now come close to 20 online auctions, which have helped the members of our club and of other clubs in Southern Ontario to sell about 3000+ small lots, usually a stamp set, souvenir sheets or a cover, etc. In our talks with some members, it has come out that they had many Canadian lots that they were interested in selling, but in our auctions, they prioritized foreign lots, which were somehow perceived as easier to sell. At the same time, some members were only interested in buying Canadian stamps and would have liked to see more of them in our auctions.

Therefore, two months ago, we decided to try a different approach and start a second auction in the month centred only on Canadian lots. The first auction was a success, with about 70 percent of the lots sold and some collectors rediscovering their interest in specific areas of their Canadian collection.

The July auction, our second Canadian-only event, was a milestone for us. With a record-breaking 350 lots offered, it was a clear testament to the growing interest in Canadian material among our members and collectors.

Encouraged by the positive response, we have decided to make our second monthly auction, focused solely on Canadian lots, a permanent fixture in our program. This ensures a consistent opportunity for our members to buy and sell Canadian stamps.

It will not run monthly because we do not have enough resources to handle that, but every two months. The following auction will be in October. Then, we will skip December as it is a short month for auctions, and then we will have a second Canada-only auction in January, March, May 2025, and so on. So, if you are interested in buying or selling Canadian stamps, please attend one of our auctions to learn how it works and whether it can benefit you.



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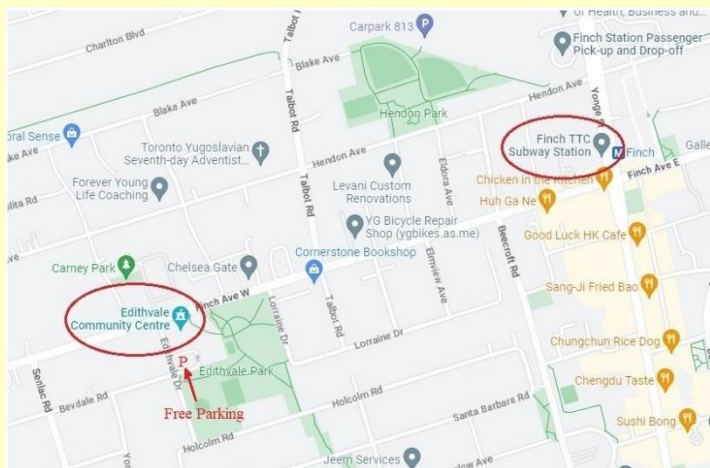
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First Day Cover (FDC) Gems

First Day Cover Signed by “Two Prime Ministers” and a “Father of Confederation.”

What makes a First Day Cover interesting...Or not?

Some are only worth a “dime a dozen,” if anything. Canada Post started their “official” FDCs in 1971 with a set extolling the Maple Leaf in Four Seasons, *Unitrade Catalogue* (UC) #535-538. Over 60,000 of each were produced. A few varieties draw attention, such as the wider-than-standard cancellation on a small but unknown quantity of UC #536 (“Summer,” June 16, 1971). But that’s it; many collectors of Canadian FDCs have the set and some of the varieties.

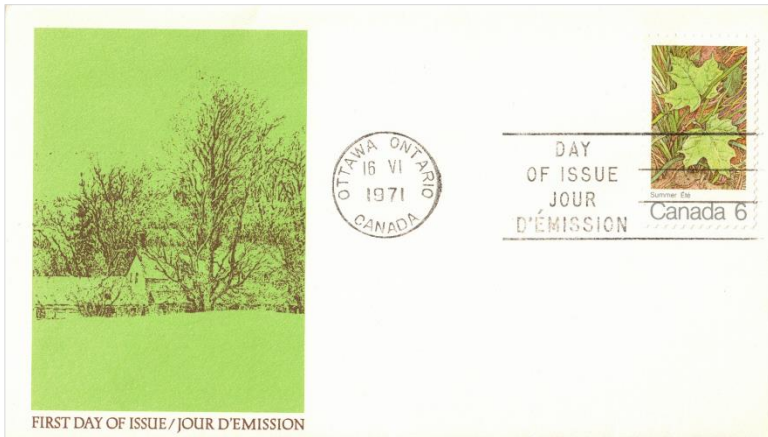


Figure 1: Canada Post 1971 \$0.06 green and white FDC and a 2-cent maple-leaf stamp

Fig. 1 is a Canada Post FDC for UC #536v1. It is described in Chung and Narbonne’s *New Specialized Catalogue of Canada Post Official First Day Covers* (4th, 2015). Do you see the cancellation gap between “16 VI” and “1971”? This variety has a gap of 3mm, whereas, for a standard FDC, it is 1.5mm.

However, scarcity or enhancements can draw attention, which means value. Let me show you an example.

One add-on that usually evokes interest among the wider stamp-collecting community and others is an autograph. An FDC signed by a well-known individual, be it a sports star, elected official, artist, or entertainer, is always conversation-worthy.

Fig. 3 is such a case. It carries the autographs of two Canadian Prime Ministers, Pierre and Justin Trudeau, the father and son, plus Joey

Smallwood, the first Premier of Newfoundland and Labrador after it joined Canada, and the stamp designer Philip Weiss.

A little background. Three important conferences were held before the Canadian Confederation on July 1, 1867. One hundred years later, Canada Post issued commemorative stamps for each conference's anniversary.

Charlottetown. The first gathering was held in Prince Edward Island (P.E.I.) in early September 1864. It was planned to discuss maritime union by the four British colonies on the Atlantic (Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, Prince Edward Island, and Newfoundland). Although a rodeo in town made accommodations difficult, the original invitees were pleased to welcome a dozen uninvited guests from the Province of Canada led by Premier John A. Macdonald. He soon re-directed the conversation to the possibility of a union of not four but five British colonies. Everyone was interested. The 100th anniversary stamp, valued at \$0.05, UC #431, came out on July 29, 1964.



Figure 2: 1964 P.E.I. centennial FDC with grey, blue and brown 'P'

Fig. 2 is an FDC for UC #431. It commemorates Charlottetown, the city where the concept of Canada was born, and was produced by the P.E.I. centennial committee. Note the intriguing logo accenting the provincial initials.

Quebec City. The second meeting was in Quebec in mid-October 1864. Following the success of Charlottetown, it discussed the nitty-gritty of how a new national government would work, what powers the provinces would have, and, most importantly, the funding needed for an intercolonial railway. The \$0.05 stamp, UC #432, came out on September 9, 1964.

Fig. 3 shows an FDC for UC #432. Given this article's theme, it's interesting that four individuals, certainly at different times, signed the envelope.

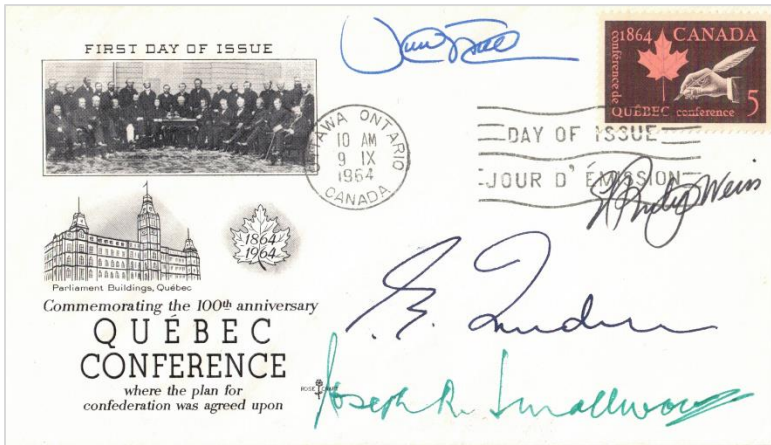


Figure 3: 1964 FDC with a brown and orange stamp showing a quill pen.

It shows a hand holding a quill pen in honour of the Quebec Conference. The designer was E. Philip Weiss. He was a Montreal-born artist who lived much of his life in Ottawa. He designed nine Canadian stamps, including those for Casimir Gzowski in 1963 and Dollard des Ormeaux in 1960. His signature can be seen above the Day of Issue cancellation. The FDC is from Rose Craft of Montreal, the most popular FDC company in the 1960s.

Most designer signatures take place at an event held at the time of the stamp's launch. Surely, that's when Weiss signed it - September 9, 1964. I also have his signature on the UC #390 Des Ormeaux Rose Craft FDC from 1960; that envelope was addressed to W. M. C. Willcock, also of Montreal, who was a significant collector of stamp designer autographs in the 1950s and 60s. Can the cover in Fig. 3 be traced back to Willcock? The answer is lost in time.

In the middle is the signature of Pierre Elliott Trudeau (PET), twice Prime Minister of Canada—from 1968 to 1979 and from 1980 to 1984. PET wasn't even an MP when the stamp came out. He was first elected in 1965 as a Liberal from a riding in Montreal. He is known for quarterbacking the repatriation of Canada's Constitution in 1982. He brought home the 72 resolutions first adopted in Quebec City, which became the British North America Act (B.N.A. Act). However, it is unlikely that he or the next person attended the stamp launch in Ottawa.

The third signature belongs to Joseph "Joey" R. Smallwood, known as one of the Fathers of Confederation because he led the forces bringing Newfoundland into Canada as our 10th province on March 31, 1949. He helped complete the country. A Liberal, he was Premier from 1949 to 1972. He and Trudeau, the elder, may have signed at the same time; was it at the federal Liberal leadership in April 1968? Trudeau won, and Smallwood was a prominent supporter and attendee. Again, the answer is lost in time.

The fourth signature, at the top, is more recent. Justin Trudeau, Prime Minister of Canada since 2015, signed the FDC in June of this year. When I showed it to him, he was astonished and told me he'd be pleased to add his name.

London, England. The London Conference was the last and most political; it took place in England between December 1866 and March 1867. The United Kingdom (UK) government was weak but supported the confederation. Storm clouds were developing at home in Canada - opposition was growing in Nova Scotia, and P.E.I. and Newfoundland had pulled away. Protecting Catholic education was an issue. With Macdonald's help, the B.N.A. Act passed the UK parliament and was signed by Queen Victoria on March 29, 1867. Canada was born on July 1st. The Queen knighted Sir John A. on the same day for his successful leadership. The stamp, UC #448, came out on May 26, 1966.

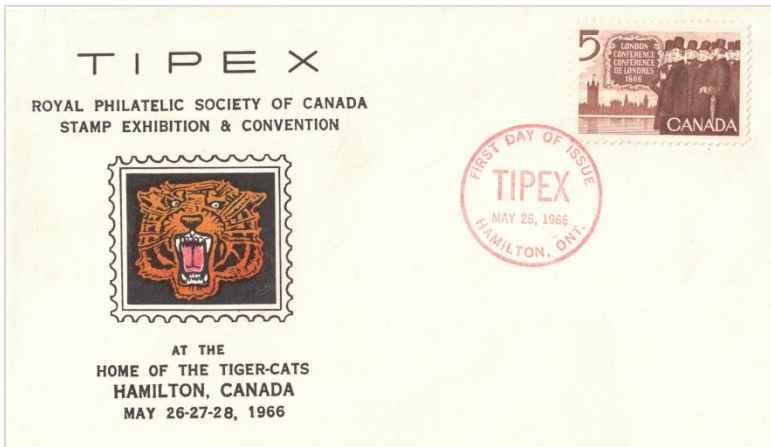


Figure 4: 1964 'TIPEX' envelope with roaring tiger

Fig. 4, an FDC for UC #448, pays homage to the London Conference. It is from the annual convention of the Royal Philatelic Society of Canada in May 1966 in Hamilton. Hamiltonians will proudly tell you even today that their city is the home of the CFL Tiger-Cats football team.

Conclusion.

The signed UC #432 is a rarity. That the FDC has the signatures of a father and son, both Prime Ministers of Canada, may mean it is one of a kind. A few special FDCs in your collection add conversation-worthiness. People have asked me about the value; four figures would do. But it's not for sale; having met the last three signatories, I can't think of a better way to honour them than displaying it in the entranceway of my home.

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Let's Talk About Squared Circle Postmarks - Part 3.

(A worldwide review of this type of postmark – continuing from *PhilaJournal* #87 and #88)



India (British): The postmarks with bars in the corners were introduced around 1880. At least four different types were used in over a thousand Post Offices (an extensive list is published on my website). Charkhari State, Ron, Patiala and Talaja postmarks are shown. They have also been used for Military Posts (also in North Burma) and on boats, for example, the Post Office of the Bombay – Karachi Line (shown) and on the steamboat *Ghat Dibrugarh*. They have been used in some Feudatory and Convention States. In the Middle East, locations outside the Indian territory (like Basra, Mahommera, Baghdad, etc.) and in Africa. They were primarily applied to Indian stamps, but there are cases where they have been applied to local stamps (for example, in Zanzibar). An extensive list is available on my website: "[Squared Circle Postmarks...](#)". However, it is understood that the list is far from complete and requires more research. Only in the last couple of years have I been aware of about 50 new finds of locations which did not appear in the previous list. For the Indian postmarks used abroad, please see the section for each specific country.



India (French): These postmarks were used in some towns of French India, such as Chandernagore (shown), Karikal, Pondicherry and Yanam, in postal offices run by the British Authorities and therefore cancelling stamps of British India. The postmarks were identical to the ones used in India. They are scarce, and I only have one picture of Chandernagore in my library.



India (Portuguese): The British Post was also active in Portuguese India and had some Post offices there. Even if the catalogues do not make any reference to postmarks for the enclaves of Goa, Damao or Diu, the squared circle postmarks may have been used in these territories. I have



been shown a postmark of Chandor Bazar (shown), which could be from Portuguese India (but a location with the same name also exists in Central India). This subject is still under investigation.

Iran: This is an example of Indian square circle postmarks used abroad. They were used on Indian stamps in the post offices of Bandar-Abbas, Bushire, Jask, Linga and Mahommeria. They are scarce, particularly on covers.





Iraq: Used on Indian stamps in the Post offices of Bagdad and Basra (or Busrah, in the picture).

Italy: There has been the most expansive usage of squared circle postmarks in this country, with over 10,000 different variants if we consider all locations and the various types of postmarks. There is an excellent Italian catalogue, *Il Nuovo Gaggero - Catalogo dei bolli tondo - riquadrati del Regno d'Italia*, published in 2002 by Vaccari and updated in 2016. I have been a regular contributor to the 2016 update. Notwithstanding the comprehensive 2016 update, new postmarks are discovered regularly, and a new catalogue may be issued soon. The Italian squared circle postmarks have also been used as arrival postmarks on correspondence coming from other countries. They were used in most Italian Post offices between the end of the 1880s and the beginning of the 1890s and started to be replaced by different postmarks around 1910. They were still relatively common in the 1920s. The last known usage was in Canelli (Cuneo) on April 11, 1933, and Buvongi (Reggio Calabria) on December 30, 1950. They were also issued for the Milan Exhibition and as TPOs on trains and boats. Some of these postmarks are pretty rare. They were also used on the ships *Portoferraio*, *Roma*, and *Regina Elena*, as well as on some torpedo boats during WWI, which are very rare. They have also been used in some offices abroad. Still, these have been identified separately and classified under the countries where they have been used; all are rare on covers.





The editor of the Gaggero catalogue publishes an update on the new finds in the online magazine *Il Postalista*.

These postmarks have also been imitated to produce some colourful private postmarks for some major hotels and some exhibitions. These “postmarks” have not been postally used and do not appear in any catalogue. Daniele Prudenzeno, the editor of the Gaggero catalogue, keeps an MS Excel list containing about 100 different types, and it may be inserted as an appendix in a future reprint of this catalogue.

Italy (Campione d'Italia): The area is an Italian enclave in Swiss territory. The squared circle postmarks were used here between 1895 and 1911. They are evaluated at 5 points in the catalogue *Il Nuovo Gaggero* (on a scale from 1 to 10), but they are rarer than that, considering I have not yet obtained a sample. Campione issued its stamps during WWII when connections with the Italian post office headquarters were difficult or non-existent.



Jamaica: Introduced in 1882, four different types have been used in about 40 post offices. Some postmarks have been used for a long time and can be seen even on George V stamps. Rarity varies from very common to quite rare.

Kenya: See British East Africa

Libya (Tripoli and Bengasi, Italian Offices):

Six different types were Used in Tripoli between 1897 and 1912, all with a value of 7 points in the Gaggero catalogue. Two other types were used in Bengasi from 1901 to 1907; both quoted 9 points in the Gaggero catalogue.



Malaya (now Malaysia): Over 40 different post offices are known, with many other types. The design of the postmarks has been changed quite a few times to produce longer-lasting postmarks. This increases the possibility of



finding rarer variants of a specific postmark. As mentioned in another section, a Dutch Indies postmark was also used in Penang.

Muscat: Squared circle postmarks have been used on Indian stamps used in Muscat. These postmarks lasted a reasonably long, from 1885 to the end of the century.



Myanmar: See the previous Burma section.



Nepal: It was used only in the capital, Katmandu. The length of usage is unknown. It is rare.

New Zealand: The first squared circle postmarks were introduced in 1882, and more and more post offices were added until 1915. Subsequently, they started to be replaced by different types. But they have remained in use in some places for a long time. The last known usage is in 1958 if we do not



consider the one used in Eureka in 1965 for historical philatelic celebrations and in Whakatane in 1967 for the national stamp exhibition. They have been used in about 150 postal offices and some naval offices (Monowai and Manganui – two types) to celebrate some philatelic expos (Auckland). There are also about 20 types of square circles with a PAID inscription. And about 20 other postmarks exist for some offices that at some time had only telegraph or telephone facilities. Different forgeries, usually on Stamp Duty issues and the 5 shillings Mt.Cook stamp, have been seen. Shown are postmarks from Timaru, Invercargill, Wellington, Christchurch, Dunedin (2), Eureka (at top)

Nigeria: From mid-1890, the squared circle postmarks were used only in seven offices in Benin (now Koko), Bonny, Brass, Old Calabar (see picture), Opobo, Sapele (second issue),



and Warri. They exist in black but also in violet (Brass, Opobo, Sapele, and Old Calabar), blue (Old Calabar), or red (Warri).

North Borneo (now Malaysia): For information about the two postmarks of Sandakan and Tenom, see the B section under Borneo.

Northern Rhodesia: Postmark was introduced in the early 1900s and used in 13 postal offices, with many different types. The towns where it has been used are Feira, Kampanda, Kapopo, Kasama, Lundazi, Mpiga or Mpika, Mwomboshi, Ndola, Nawalia, Petauke, Sakontwi, Serenje, Sitanda, and Mwomboshi.

Nyasaland: See British Central Africa.





Pakistan (British: Pakistan was part of British India, and hundreds of postmarks originating from Pakistani towns can be found. Here is a postcard with Karachi postmark mailed to a rare destination (Aden)

Palestine (Gerusalemme, Italian Post): The Jerusalem (Gerusalemme in Italian) Italian Post Office used a squared circle postmark in 1914, just before the start of WWI. However, it had to be closed because Italy was at war with the Ottoman Empire, which ruled Palestine at the time. It is a quite rare postmark quoted a maximum of 10 points in the Gaggero catalogue.



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By Jerry Piotrowski <jerrypiotrowski74@hotmail.com>

Check Club's new website: <https://bramaleastampclub.org/>

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Fenelon Stamp Club, The

Mark Armstrong <msaphilateliecistudio@msn.com>

FENPAX 2024... See page 13 for the article and more pictures.



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BEST OFFER: Canadian plate blocks 1973 to 1982 (30-cent Canada Day sheets) all PO fresh. PLUS Canadian FDCs from mid-1974 onwards.

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FOR SALE: MALAYSIA FDC dated 31 August 1959 celebrating their independence & COMPLETE set of FDCs from Oct. 1964 to Feb. 1972. Nepal FDCs 1975 - 1977; AUSTRALIA FDCSS 1977 - 1984.

CANADA FDCSS 1978 - 1988; GREAT BRITAIN FDCs 1982 - 1986

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WANTED: Australian annual stamp books for the years 1982 & 1990.

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FOR SALE: Canada Postage, any denomination. One advanced collection of Italy, one of the Vatican and one of the SMOM, Order of Malta

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FOR SALE: Boy Scout and Girl Guide stamps and covers plus some religious-themed stamps. I also have Canadian machine slogan cancels either on the envelope or cut squares for sale.

Contact: Alex Hadden email: alex-hadden@shaw.ca

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FOR SALE: HUGE amount of Swiss stamp products, including full-sheets, half-sheets, corner blocks, and blocks, PLUS a large number of singles, some C.T.O. & some not, all M.N.H.

Contact: George at 1-705-797-6812 or jpotopnyk@rogers.com

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1. Ajax-Pickering Stamp Club
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3. Cobourg Stamp Club
4. Fenelon Stamp Club, The
5. Georgian Bay Coin & Stamp Club
6. Insurance & Banking Philatelic Society
7. Kawartha Stamp Club, The
8. Markham Stamp Club
9. North Toronto Stamp Club
10. North York Philatelic Society
11. Oshawa Whitby Stamp Groups
12. Polish Canadian Coin & Stamp Club "Troyak"
13. Scarborough Stamp Club
14. Scouts on Stamps Society International (SOSSI)
15. Toronto Stamp Collectors' Club
16. Trenton Stamp Club
17. Ukrainian Collectibles Society (Toronto)
18. West Toronto Stamp Club

OFFICERS

President	Position is Vacant
Vice President	Larry Friend
Secretary & Treasurer	Paul Delongchamp
Past President	Larry Friend

DIRECTORS

Check Club Directories for **Directors' names (in blue)** and their contact info.
Directors meet monthly on the fourth Wednesday (except December).

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