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President Sid's Message

September marks the first month of the 2020/2021 WTSC philatelic year. A year that will be different from years past but still a year full of opportunities to learn, to share, to further develop our collections, and to build friendships and enjoy WTSC comradery.

As you know, meeting at the Fairfield Centre continues not to be possible. As well, considering club demographics, covid-19 restrictions will dictate when we can again assemble and how we will operate during this coming year.

In spite of covid-19 limitations, spring and summer activities have shown that we can provide worthwhile program opportunities as we adjust and pivot to meet collector needs and wishes of WTSC members. The WTSC board will be meeting September 9 to review spring and summer initiatives and to plan for the coming philatelic year. Any thoughts and ideas you have that will enable us to further meet WTSC philatelic needs and / or enhance what we are already doing, are welcomed and will be seriously considered.

I am sure you will agree that our WTSC monthly Bulletin continues to be a valued and critical communication tool for all members. Be sure to keep the Bulletin handy as you proceed through the month so you do not miss any of the upcoming opportunities.

Plan to participate and join fellow club members by attending the following.

Learning Workshop, Tuesday, September 8, 7 pm, via Zoom - Single-Page Exhibition How-to and How-not-to. The information provided will be most informative and will prepare you for our October Virtual Single Page Exhibition. Bring your under construction pages, questions and ideas as we encourage and help each other gain exhibiting skills. **A Zoom invite from me with the needed link has been sent to all members. Guests are welcome! If you have trouble connecting or cannot locate the link, or are a guest, please email me at sidmensinga@gmail.com.**

Discussion Group Meeting, Tuesday, September 22, 7 pm, via Zoom. See details on page 2. A Zoom invite with the needed link will be sent out a few days prior to the event. **To receive an invite link please email Garfield at garfield.portch@gmail.com or Sid at sidmensinga@gmail.com. Guests are again welcome!**

Circuit Book opportunities continue to be available. To make the needed arrangements to view the circuit books, contact Simon at simon@berlet.com.

Learning Workshop, Tuesday, October 6, 7 pm - Fun with Community Name Cancels. See page 2 for details.

Given current restrictions, September should also continue to provide each of us with ample personal time to work on our multiple ongoing stamp and research projects, to create "order out of the chaos" by tackling our stamp accumulations, or to go down an enjoyable philatelic "rabbit hole ". As well, since we cannot meet face-to-face as a club, take time this month to connect with a stamp collector friend, by phone, by email, or by means of a porch / backyard visit. Participating in a local informal zoom visit with fellow stamp enthusiasts or joining a zoom meeting organized by one of our national or international organizations also provides opportunities to connect face-to-face and to expand our philatelic horizons. Just this past week, as a member of the BNAPS Large and Small Queens Study Group, I joined their zoom meeting for the first time and appreciated putting known names and faces together, listening to some excellent philatelic sharing and learning about a superb website focused on re-entries and plate varieties. If you are a Canadian Small Queen or Admiral collector be sure to check out <https://sandbox.wgburden.com/>. This recent zoom experience again underscored the value of being a BNAPS study group member. Consider joining a national or international philatelic organization this month. Memberships are inexpensive and the benefits are many.

Enjoy this coming month as you pursue your hobby. Personal pleasure and fulfillment should be what it's all about.



Sid Mensinga

September Discussion Group

As mentioned by Sid in his president's message, this month's discussion group will be a virtual meeting on **Tuesday, September 22 at 7 pm**. Please note that the meeting is on the fourth Tuesday of the month and not the usual third Tuesday.

I am pleased to advise that our speaker will be **Rob Lunn** from the Fredericton and District Stamp Club (RPSC chapter 148). Rob will present his research on the **Bartlett Letterheads**.

Rob was a key organizer of Royal2020Royale, scheduled for Fredericton this past June, which had to be cancelled due to the pandemic. He is an award winning exhibitor. He is one of only two Canadians selected to exhibit at EXPOJAFIL 2020, a national level virtual exhibition in Guadalajara, Mexico next month.

If you have previously contacted me for a Zoom invite to a discussion group meeting, I will automatically send you an invite to Rob's presentation. Otherwise, please email me at garfield.portch@gmail.com for the Zoom invite.

Our club has clearly benefited from our use of Zoom technology. It has allowed us to expand both our circle of presenters and participants.



Garfield Portch

October Learning Workshop

Our second learning workshop of the season will be on **Tuesday, October 6 at 7 pm**. It is titled **Fun With Community Name Cancels**.

While learning workshop face-to-face get-togethers have been cancelled for several months due to covid-19, there's nothing preventing us from linking up virtually to talk about — well, cancels. More specifically, postmarks bearing a community's name.

So, on Tuesday, October 6, via ZOOM links, we will discuss the fun and fulfillment of forming a collection of cancellations which, as everyone knows, can come in a wide variety of designs, shapes, sizes, time periods and even, occasionally, colours.

Depending on a person's preference, they can be pursued on stamps, covers, parcel pieces, postcards, postal stationery, or a combination.

Forming a collection of postmarks from a country where you grew up or enjoy visiting, perhaps a province, state, county, city, town, village, or hamlet, also hinges on personal preferences, covering a wide gamut or a narrower approach. If you choose a large city, the range of cancellations is much broader than those from a small town.

A wide variety consisting of nicknames for different styles of hand-applied cancellations can form the basis of an interesting and challenging collection. Machine postmarks, especially with slogan text to the right of circular dated community name devices, are also popular.

The switch to modern high-speed computerized mail sorting in large depots resulted in dot matrix, postal code cancellations that do not identify communities.

Regardless, some collectors seek such cancels based on codes and occasional slogans, such as 2020 cancellations lauding health care workers.

With all this in mind, learning workshop participants have an opportunity to share examples of their interests, which may encourage fellow members to start a collection focusing on a favourite locale.

I encourage one and all to sign up for our interactive ZOOM session and share some of the postmarks you enjoy. Examples follow below and on the following page.



Ian Robertson



Quebec 'Bishop Mark' circular postmark 1789 (left); Red double-circle Montreal, L.C. 1836 postmark (middle); Red London 1838 'broken circle' postmark with manuscript date (right)



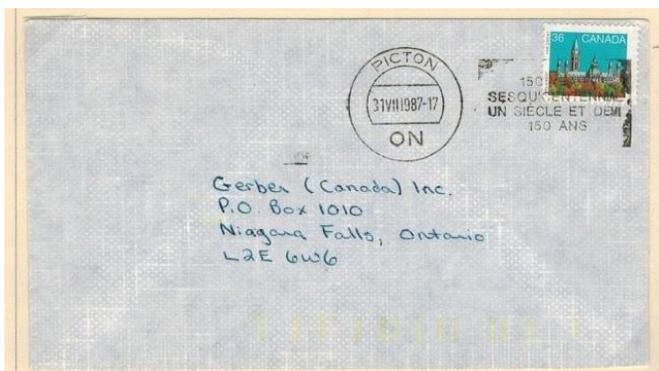
Double circle postmark from Rawdon, L.C. (Lower Canada – precursor to Quebec province) with 1844 'manuscript' dating (left); Almonte, Ont. split ring circular cancel Oct. 12, 1892 on 3-cent Small Queen (middle); Consecon, Ont. Dec. 31, 1897 circular postmark (village post office still exists)



Toronto '1' Duplex JUL 10 97 postmark on 3-cent Jubilee



1929 St. John's, Nfld. slogan 'Commemorating First Trans-Atlantic Air-Mail June 24th 1919'



Klussendorf machine cancellation, Picton, Ontario - July 21, 1987 '150 YEARS SESQUICENTENNIAL UN CIECLE ET DEMI 150 ANS'



Christmas Island, Nova Scotia special postmark 2013

Limited Edition Queen Elizabeth Booklet Definitives

A "limited run" of 2019-dated Queen Elizabeth II definitives printed without the security feature underprints of "CANADA" in light gray text repeated on the gum sides, was announced recently. With booklets of ten stamps featuring the same design — a 2017 photograph of the Queen by Chris Jackson, the official royal photographer for Getty Images — the reprints lack a horizontal underline below the letter 'C' left of a row of coloured maple leaves on the lower margin of each pane. (See image next page.)

Last year's booklets have an underlined 'C' in the margin. "A new philatelic article number was created for the reprint of the 2019 Queen booklet of 10 (411242210)," according to a statement issued by Canada Post in a special edition of Details magazine. "Collectors with a standing order for reprints will automatically receive this booklet of 10."

Canada Post introduced underprinting on the gum sides of first-class rate definitives in November 2012, according to the Elizabethan II Study Group of the British North America Philatelic Society (BNAPS). It defines an underprint as "a stamp with a logo or company initials printed on the underside of the stamp, intended to prevent unauthorized use of the stamp or as a form of advertising." Since the transition eight years ago, some collectors have had difficulty finding all examples of Canadian definitives printed without the underprints.

In case your local postal outlet does not receive the new booklets, anyone interested in having the new bare-back Queen stamps should place an order soon.

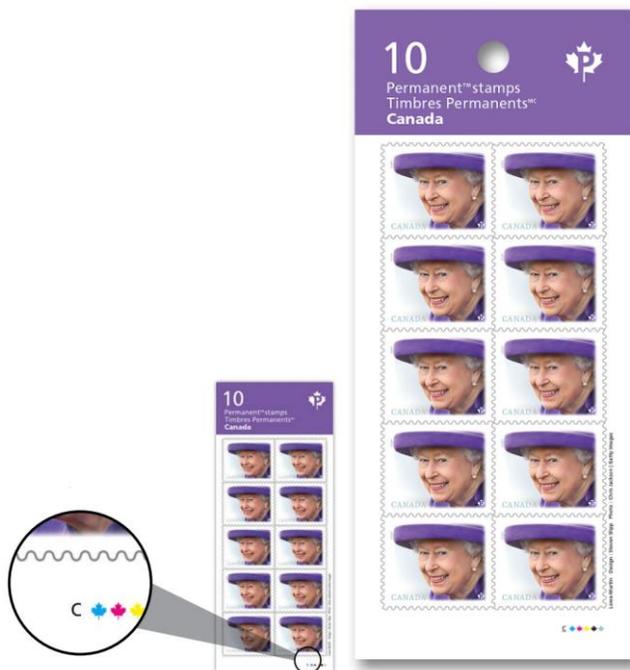
The special edition of Details, which contains illustrations and information about commemoratives issued earlier this year — and described in previous editions of the WTSC Bulletin — is the first printed version in several months. Due to the covid-19 pandemic, Canada Post provided scanned versions of Numbers 3 and 4 online.

"As we hope our magazine will return to a more

regular schedule, Details 5 will be available soon, with a preview of the Medical Groundbreakers issue and our annual semi-postal fundraising stamp for the Canada Post Community Foundation," Jim Phillips, Director of Stamp Services, noted.

New stamps will "be unveiled online," he added. "Post offices may have a limited selection of new stamp issues," and some stamp shipments "may be delayed as we process and deliver unprecedented parcel volumes, while we apply health and safety measures such as physical distancing."

Ian Robertson



2020 'limited edition' reprint of 2019 Queen Elizabeth 'P' - Permanent Postage, 92-cent - 10-stamp booklets lack underline on reverse, with no underline on 'C' (left); 2019 Queen Elizabeth II booklet panes of 10 'P' - Permanent Postage, 92-cent definitives - have underlined 'C' in lower margin (right)

David Feldman Commentaries About Legendary Collectors

David Feldman International Auctioneers has posted on its website commentaries about legendary collectors. Number 12, "The King of Philately", posted August 5, 2020, is about King George V. For commentary number 12, and also for links to commentaries about other legends, see:

https://www.davidfeldman.com/2020/08/legendary-collectors-12-the-king-of-philately/?utm_source=David+Feldman+Marketing+List&utm_campaign=a4b17ffacd-MAILCHIMP_08_2020_Digest_12&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_46af029548-a4b17ffacd-122975961

NTSC September Meeting

On **Thursday, September 10, at 7 pm**, NTSC's Swap Shop Convenor and Membership Chair **Klaus Hintz** will present on **The Spirit and History of Berlin**.

Klaus is also a member of our club and spoke on this topic at our January 2020 discussion group. If you missed his talk, you now have an opportunity to catch it. To request a Zoom invite, please e-mail Klaus at NTSC.membership@gmail.com

2020 Canada Post Annual Public Meeting

Canada Post's 15th Annual Public Meeting will be held on Thursday, September 10, 2020, starting at 1:30 pm. In the past this event has been held in cities across the country, but this year for obvious reasons it will be a live webcast only.

Suromitra Sanatani, Acting Chair of the Board of Directors; Doug Ettinger, President and CEO; Wayne Cheeseman, Chief Financial Officer; and Susan Margles, Chief People and Safety Officer will provide an overview of the Corporation's performance in 2019.

To register for the webcast, go to <https://onlinexperiences.com/scripts/Server.nxp?LASCmd=AI:4;F:QS!10100&ShowUUID=8F43D738-C2D8-40B7-AE33-F4B364EF57BB>

Family History Research, With a Philatelic Connection

"Here's a fascinating account of family history research made possible through a fortuitous auction listing by a stamp dealer! If postal history has played a role in your own ancestry research, we'd love to hear from you!" *RPSL Facebook post, July 22, 2020*

https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/extra/3k9u8lh178/Searching_for_my_slave_roots?fbclid=IwAR2MyQ3Uo7SygTq1F-oJycDWQetdgUX-6bZMekjp6PRNKFlj-UTnaHvyGY

10 Philatelic Exhibiting Tips

This undated document, *10 Philatelic Exhibiting Tips*, by Bob Ingraham, immediate past president of the British Columbia Philatelic Society, was noted during an Internet search. Tip number 10 made me smile.

"Don't take judges too seriously: It is common for the same exhibit to do well at one exhibition and poorly at another, even if the exhibitor followed the advice of judges from the first exhibition and tried to improve it for the second. Judges are just collectors who have decided that judging is one way they can enjoy their hobby and give something back to it. They don't know everything, and they can and do make mistakes. Far

more often, they provide useful feedback. But at the end of the day, you are the best and final judge of your exhibit, regardless of the medal you receive."

The document ends with a piece of wise counsel: "... all the exhibiting advice in the world won't replace the lessons you learn when you create an exhibit, especially your first one."

<http://officepromosi.com/1/tips-pameran-prangko.pdf>

Quote of the Month

"Exhibiting takes philately to new levels; it is a cerebral journey that requires great effort and creativity and one which is both entertaining and educational." *APS Facebook post, August 28, 2020*

Single Frame Displays

I have two single frame exhibit displays (36" x 46") in my possession. They were expertly built by Garfield to display 16 pages each and would be an asset to a club member wanting to see his or her exhibit as it would be seen by a judge. They would be invaluable when working on the order of the exhibit display. Anyone wishing one or both can call me at (416) 621-9982.

Don Hedger

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