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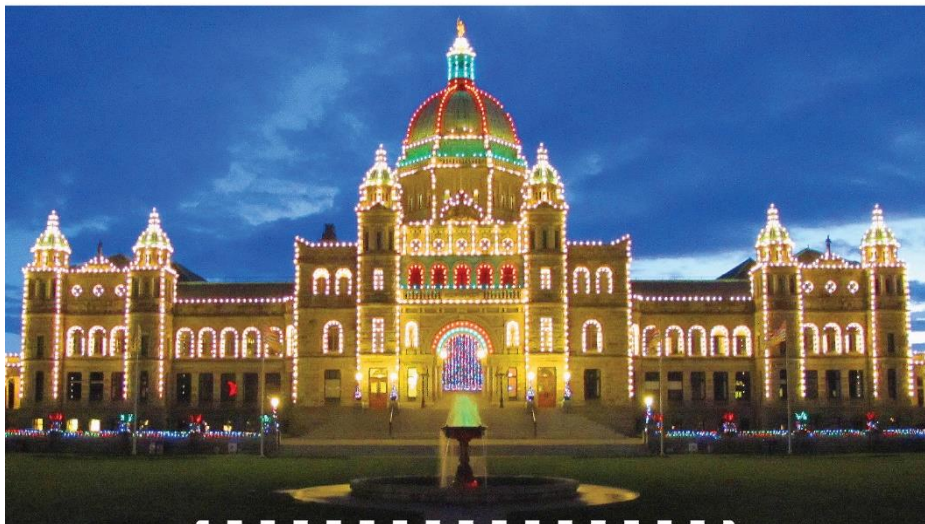
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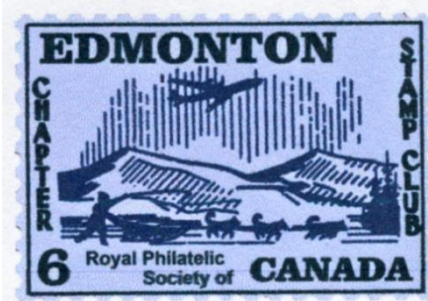
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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Good News and What's Next

Your Board met to look at both the short term and the longer-term prognoses of the Edmonton Stamp Club's future and finances. The good news is that the Board at this time does not envision an immediate change to our programs including the current life membership policy and our current printing of the Bulletin. I will be reminding life members during the business part of regular club meetings that club expenses continue to increase. Financial assistance would be appreciated from Life Members with the continuation of paying dues or a donation. Also save the club a buck and save a tree. If you have a computer, please sign up at the club table at the cafeteria entrance so we do not mail you a Bulletin and do not pick up a black and white copy of the Bulletin at the club table. Get your color copy online at the ESC web site.

We need volunteers to look after the handling and lotting of material for the Consignment Sales [previously the Estate Auction] Auction. This is a primary interface between the general public and the ESC. It is a source of new material for club members. **All our programs depend on volunteers.** If we cannot get the volunteers to do the lotting and administration for the auction, then this program will not take place. Should this program cease it will require your new Board elected in June 2020 to reassess the programs and procedures of the ESC for 2020-2021.

The planning for the Spring Show, March 28-29 is progressing very well with a good number of dealers, a fabulous display of RCMP material, frames and potentially a notable selection of speakers. Members will be called on to support this effort. It is the first official National Stamp Show in Canada for 2020. In addition to and in support of the Spring Show we are committed to a two-day display in the Antique Mall, March 21-22. We need volunteers for set up on Friday, 20 March, man the two day display then take down the display. My experience last year at the display was very enjoyable and the Antique Mall is an interesting place to browse.

The final big event of the season is the Summer Social Meeting and Auction on 27 July. We need auction lots from members for the summer auction.

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Our club publication, the "Bulletin" is a well edited and interesting publication that we as members of the ESC are justifiably proud. What makes the Bulletin interesting are the articles in it. It is you the members of the ESC who need to continue to write and submit articles to Fred so we can continue with this fine publication.

We are group of individuals who are interested in stamps and each other as persons. Please make an effort each meeting to welcome newcomers or say hello to someone you haven't talked to for a couple of meetings. We are a fine group of people and we need to make sure others are aware of this.

Richard Barnes

NOTICE

HACKERS TRY TO GET YOUR PERSONAL INFORMATION

A recent form of phishing is rampant on the internet. They use public information about the ESC board of directors and send requests for payment from these names. **Delete, do not reply.**

DOOR PRIZE

No Name Tag - No Prize

At the regular meetings

Dave Ellis asks members if they have any bulk stamps to donate to the club for the kiloware table? I am running low on stamps that have not been put out already. You can just bring them to any meeting.

Old Strathcona Antique Mall

Address: 10323 78th Avenue (Gateway Boulevard)

In support of the Spring Show we are committed to a two-day display in the Antique Mall, March 21 & 22. (Saturday and Sunday)

Volunteers are required! See Richard Barnes

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I need a Canada Post Letter from Santa 2019 to complete my Canadian collection for this year. Does anyone one have one for sale or trade? I must have been naughty because I did not receive my reply this year. Talk to me at a club meeting, or email Richard Barnes rtbarnes@shaw.ca

Recent ebay (Canadian dollars)



USA-1a_U, (20 bids) \$219 / #76_MH, (13 bids) \$403 / #119_MH, (37) \$601



USA_CSA-2e_U, (17 bids) \$82 / #4_U, pair, (22) \$122 / #8_U, (25) \$74

From the Collections Of Barend Wissink

N.W.M.P. to R.C.M.P. 1873 to 1920 and Beyond. By Barend Wissink

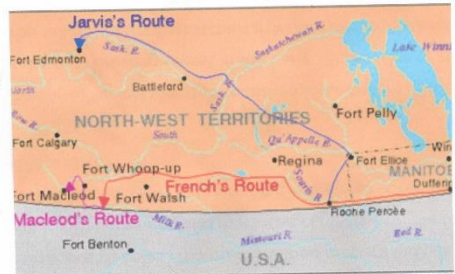
With our Spring Show coming up a small intro to the R.C.M.P. seems to be in order.



It starts with our first Prime Minister Sir John A. McDonald a Liberal-Conservative responsible for bringing Rupert's Land and the N.W.T. into Canada. He saw a need for a police force and started the ball rolling by 1870. Three years later the N.W.M.P. was created. The long trek Westward started July 8th 1874, in response to The Cypress Hills Massacre of 1873. Our



second Prime Minister Alexander MacKenzie (Liberal) was now in charge, (McDonald resigned due to a scandal) the massacre was blamed on the American whisky traders of Fort Benton coming up to Fort Whoop Up and selling Firewater to the natives.



Starting up with 150 men who trained at Dufferin Manitoba, the ranks swelled to 275 members by the time of the Westward Trek. Permanent posts were set up at Fort McLeod, Fort Edmonton and Fort Pelly in present day Saskatchewan next to the Manitoba border. The next year Fort Calgary and Fort Walsh were established.

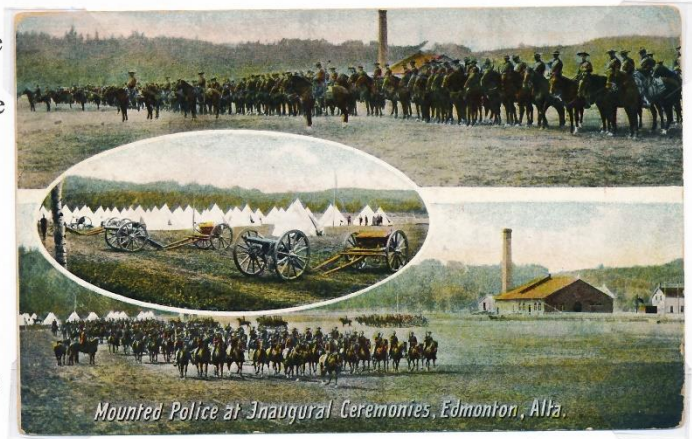
R.C.M.P. Timeline

Construction of the
C.P.R. 1881-1883

North-West
Rebellion 1885

Settlement of the
West 1885-1914

Klondyke 1897-99



Royal Status 1904 by King Edward VII for help in the Boer War.



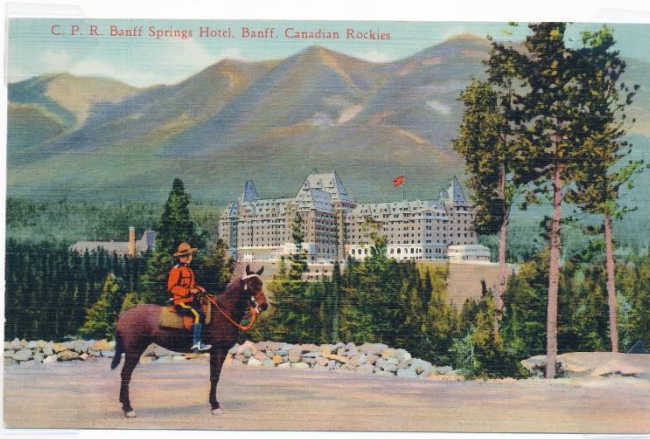
Alberta & Saskatchewan become Provinces 1905



Starting out with 150 men in 1873 to 275 by 1874, by 1885 the force had grown to 1000, but in 1896 its future was threatened by the newly elected Prime minister Sir Wilfred Laurier (Liberal) who had plans to reduce the force and eventually disband them. Hallelujah saved by the Klondyke Gold Rush of 1897.



R.N.W.M.P. joined with Dominion Police to form the Royal Canadian Mounted Police in 1920, with the headquarters moving from Regina to Ottawa.



War Service

North West Rebellion 1885

Boer War 1900-1902

WW1 1918

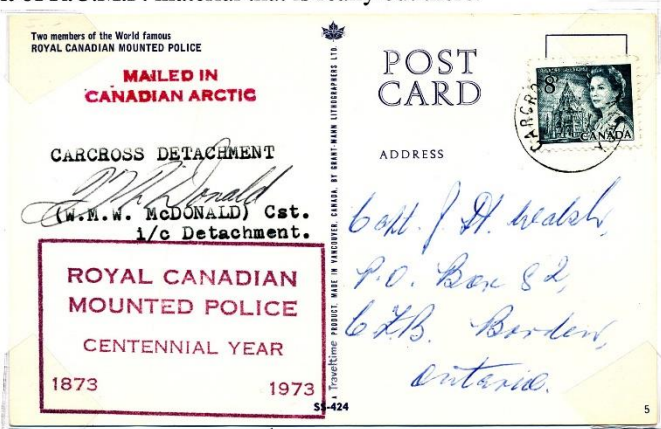
Siberia 1918-19

WW2 1939-45

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The R.C.M.P. were 25 member strong when the gold rush started in 1897 and swelled to 250 members by 1899 in the Yukon. As we are going to see at our Spring Show the amount of R.C.M.P. material that is really out there.

This post card made for 100 year Centennial 1873-1973 signed by Cst. W.M.W. McDonald of the Carcross Detachment was mailed in the Canadian Arctic in 1973.



The Bottom Cover is to celebrate the 120th year of the R.C.M.P. (1873-1993)

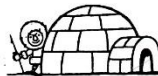
ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE 18, N.W.T.
 LAW AND ORDER
 IN THE CANADIAN ARCTIC
 120th ANNIVERSARY
 1873 - 1993
 APR 13 1993
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NORMAN WELLS, N.W.
 X08 EVO
 APR 13 1993
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R.C.M. POLICE, DET. NORMAN WELLS, N.W.T.

Patrick Olsen cst.
 A member of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police in the Northwest Territories;



and is also signed by a member of the Norman Wells Detachment Cst. Patrick Olsen.

For those who are keeping tracks of the post cards
 1st card is titled Mounted Police at Inaugural Ceremonies Edmonton Alta. W.G. McFarlane Publisher. Toronto and Buffalo NY. Pictures taken 1905, card mailed from Edmonton June 19 1908.
 2nd Card is titled Royal Canadian Mounted Police maker unknown mailed from Vancouver June 12 1924 Message on back "They are out to get their man"
 3rd Card is titled C.P.R. Banff Springs Hotel, Banff, Canadian Rockies The Coast Publishing Vancouver B.C. c1940-50 Linen Unused

Topical Coconuts

By Ed Pitts

STOP THE PRESSES!!! This month's Topical Coconut **will not, I repeat, will not** feature an astronomer who has managed to get him/her/itself on one of our beloved postage stamps. And why ever not, you are justifiably asking yourself? Well, to make a long story short, at a recent meeting another of our esteemed members looked at the list of topical interests displayed on my stamp collector's business card and casually said "I did not know that there were any stamps about ham radio". Well, the philatelic gauntlet had been thrown down and it became obvious to me that it was my solemn duty to show him the error of his ways.

Delving deeply into the vast stockpile of philatelic resources at my disposal, after what seemed like thousands of hours of exhaustive searching I discovered that aside from the checklist for "Radio" stamps available from the American Topical Association, there are more specific websites dealing with ham radio.

When I started my search, I was planning to do a comprehensive overview of as many aspects of amateur radio depicted on stamps as I could fit in to one column. Well, we all know what happens once we venture down that rabbit hole known as the Internet!!!! Things change and sometimes drastically. I came across a listing for a stamp commemorating the 2008 IARU (International Amateur Radio Union) World ARDF (amateur radio direction finding) Championship held in South Korea and I purchased it thinking that this could be just one of many that I would display in my column. Alas, in one of those "Internet moments" I decided to look farther down the rabbit hole for more information on this radio-oriented pastime.

Lo and behold, this was good old Orienteering (something I did years ago) with radios!!! After more searches, and more web pages the urge has returned to "go find something out there", but this time using handheld radios rather than a map and compass. The radio club I belong to has a version of this called foxhunting where the search is done while driving around in a vehicle, but I think I need the exercise by doing it on foot.

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Meeting Dates

The Edmonton Stamp Club meets Mondays at 6:00 p.m. in the cafeteria of St. Joseph High School, 10830 - 109 Street. Park to the north of the school and use the main entrance at the south-east corner of the school. For information about the club call 780-488-5288 or 780-437-1787.

2020

February 10th & 24th

March 9th & 16th

Spring Show March

28th & 29th

2020

April 6th & 20th

May 4th & 25th

June 1st & 15th (Elections)

July 27th (summer meeting/auction)

Edmonton BNAPS

(British North America Philatelic Society) will meet on the last Sunday of the month. All BNAPSers welcome.

For information contact David Piercey at 780-437-2771 dpiercey@telus.net or Steven Friedenthal at 780-721-3669 sfriedenthal@shaw.ca

Here is the stamp that started it all for me:

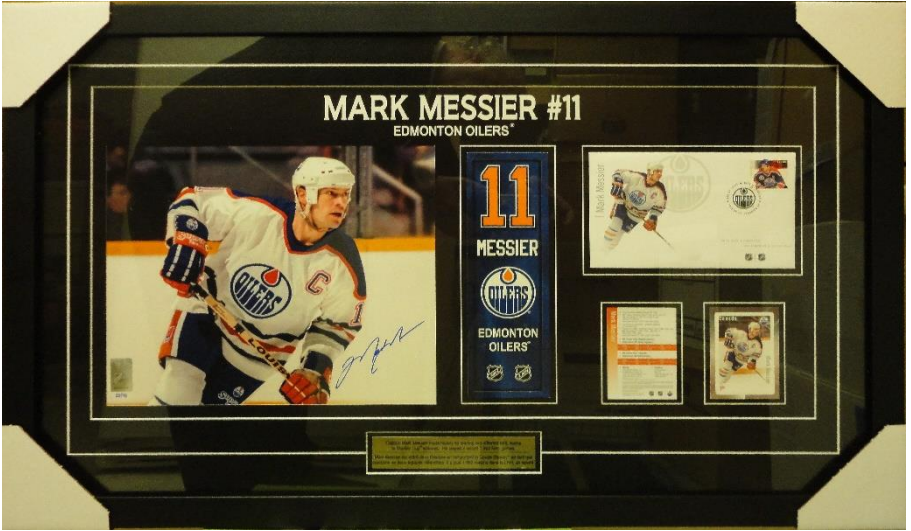


It depicts what looks like a fit and highly-motivated young man carrying a portable antenna/receiver combination on a quest for victory. Looks like fun!!!

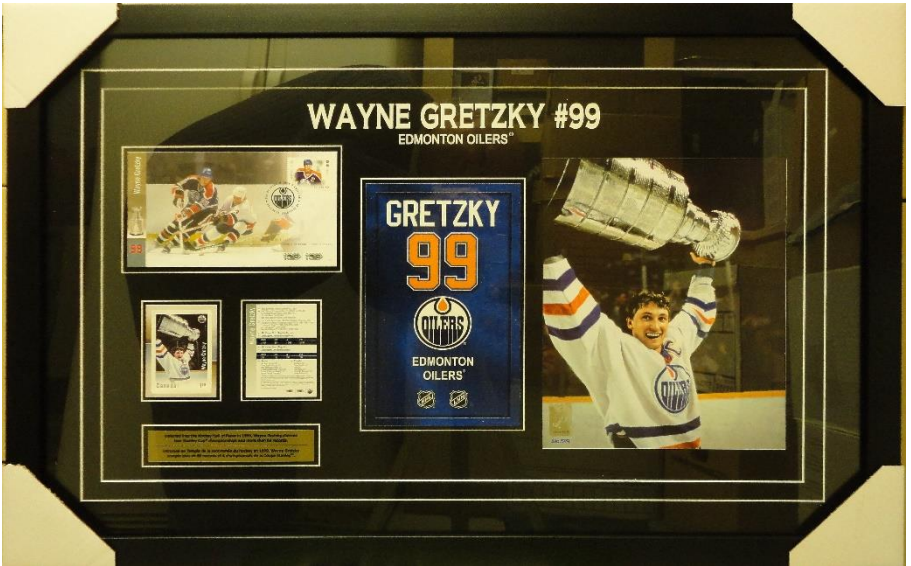
As the contractor responsible for the construction of the Parthenon is rumoured to have said: "Another month gone, and another column done". In our next episode of Topical Coconuts we will return to the glamorous, exciting and fast-paced world

of Astronomers on Stamps. Be seeing you!!!

Two - Canada Post – NHL Framed Prints (22 x 32)



No. 23 of 48 issued



No. 570 of 599 issued

2020 Spring Show Raffle
Combined value - \$600

1 ticket - \$5.00
3 tickets - \$10.00

EDMONTON STAMP CLUB 2020 SPRING NATIONAL STAMP SHOW



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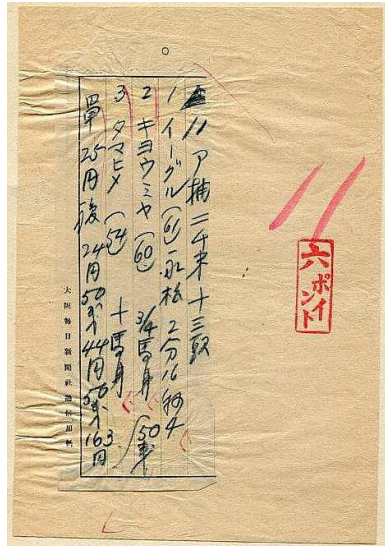
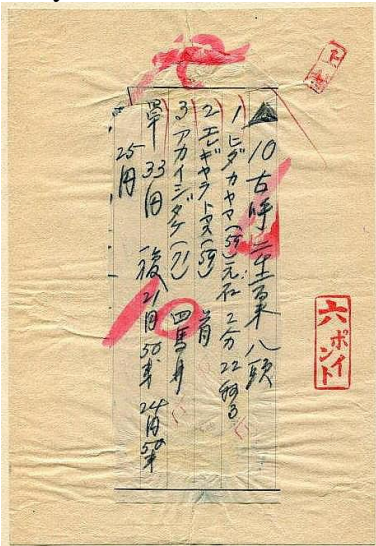
The Theme: RCMP 100Years



Pigeon Post, follow-up

In the “Bulletin” Volume 108, Number 10, I placed a note requesting information on two Japanese Pigeon Post items. Thanks to the efforts of our readers corresponding together I was sent the following information originating from the International Society for Japanese Philately. “These appear to be horse racing results, which would have been sent by the fastest way back to the newspaper office for the evening edition. I see what look like Japanese-style horse names, numbers, time, money amounts indicative of payouts, some other things I’m not sure of – the red markings say “6 point”, which I would guess direct type setters”.

The fine print indicates these as Osaka Mainichi Newspaper stationary.



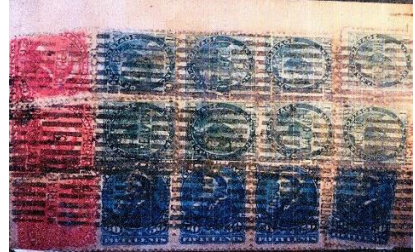
I personally find it very amusing that human priorities remain the same over time. The most important and time sensitive news in 1936 and today is the sports news particularly the spread and payout. Japanese newspapers were still using pigeon post in 1964 at the Tokyo Olympics. The last newspaper pigeon loft was closed in 31 Aug 1966.

Richard Barnes

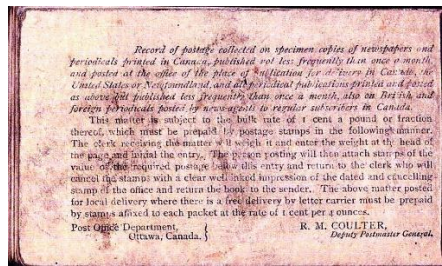
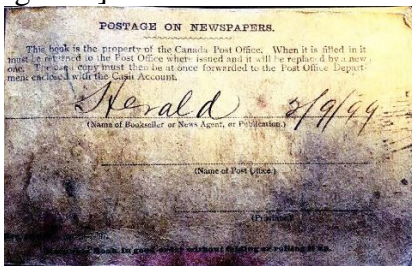
ESC Contributes to Philatelic Knowledge

Richard Barnes

I received a phone call from a lady here in Edmonton as a representative of the Edmonton Stamp Club asking me what to do with a stamp booklet that belonged to her grandfather. She wanted to find out about this booklet, history, value etc. She sent me some scans. From the very first scans [fig .1-2], I realized that this was something special.




I did not have the knowledge to properly evaluate this philatelic item, but I realized there was a worthwhile monetary value involved [fig .3-4].



I put her in contact with Ernie Carlson, a knowledgeable philatelist in Canadian stamps and postal history and a fellow member of the Edmonton Stamp Club. The owner and I also had a discussion on possible options on what to do with this item. In response to her questions I stated my jaundiced opinion about making donations to museums/archives on such items. My observations are that it is better to put a unique or interesting item into auction than in an archive where it will put in a drawer to be?? At the very least this booklet will be seen and appreciated by the public during periodically auctions, catalogue notes, and possible notes in publications. Ernie met with the owner. After examining this booklet, he confirmed the purpose and use of the Postage on Newspapers book (record of receipt of payment by Canada Post) and that there was financial value to this item. He presented options to the owner for its disposal. *Next page*

The following detailed description of this rare item is quoted from the Longley Auctions Sale #25, January 18th, 2020, Lot 200;

Canada Jubilee Postal History

200  1899-1900 Newspaper receipt book for the Montreal Herald, 42 pages with various stamps including a 15¢ Large Queen, \$3 Jubilee pair, Small Queens, Widow Weeds, Leaf and Numeral issues. The booklet front is titled "Postage for Newspapers" and is form "rev, 29 P.M. - 200-29-7-97." indicating only 200 were printed in 1897. The name of publication is filled in as "Herald 2/9/99". The first example is dated Feb 2, 1899, and the last is April 18, 1900. \$5,000

The 100 page book has 42 pages used with stamps. The breakdown of stamps is 15¢ Large Queen (9), 20¢ Widow Weed (61), 50¢ Widow Weed (56), 3¢ Jubilee (1), \$2 Jubilee (8), \$3 Jubilee (5), 1/2¢ Numeral (1), 2¢ (25), 5¢(1), 6¢(3), 8¢(3), 10¢(4), 2¢ on 3¢ Leaf (1), and 2¢ Map (1). One page is for 142.5 lbs and the half pound is paid with a 1/2¢ Numeral. This is incorrect as the rate was 1¢ per pound or fraction thereof.

This booklet demonstrates the main use of the Widow Weeds and high value Jubilees. Legitimate, commercial uses of such are rare. This process of payment stopped in July 1, 1902.

The other booklet, from the Toronto Globe booklet is different with the name of "William White DPMG".

Collectors may recall the Toronto Globe newspaper receipt book which is described in detail on the PHSC website at https://www.postalhistorycanada.net/php/Library/Research/Globe/int_npb.php

This is a second-chance of a lifetime to acquire a true Canadian rarity. Scans shown are just a sample of the book. There are 42 pages with stamps

Prices realized for Longley's 18th Jan 2020 auction is up on his website. The booklet, lot 200, hammered for **\$8000.00** plus 15% buyer's premium plus GST for a total of **\$9660.00**. That was against an estimate of \$5000.00. Astounding.

I'm glad now that Diane Carl was smart enough not to accept my offer and take Robin Harris's advice and send the booklet to auction. I'm pondering now on whether or not I should contact Diane to congratulate her or just let things pass.

The Edmonton Stamp Club provides many services to members and the public. The ESC'S Consignment Sales Service has many functions. In this case it was the contact point to identify a rare philatelic item, save it from the trash or a musty drawer. The result is that this item has been presented to the philatelic community while providing the owner with a bit of cash. The BIG plus for Ernie was he got to see and hold a rare if not unique Canadian Postal item. Only two Postage on Newspapers booklets are known to exist, one from Toronto and now this Montreal booklet rescued from a drawer in Edmonton and the Edmonton Stamp Club were part of the rescue.

Website Inquiry

As the editor and webmaster, I receive all requests from the contact page on our website. This inquiry left me amused.

A visitor to your Web site has filled out the form located at:

http://www.edmontonstampclub.com/contact_us.html

Comments

Hello I need some assistance and i am hoping somebody in your organization can help. I am sending a couple of German stamps for certification and they require a Scotts number and book valuation on the submitted forms. The stamps are the Tunis palm tree and the U boat issues. Both are mint and in excellent condition. Can anybody help with this. Thank you D.A.

The amusing part was the lack of knowledge that D.A. showed and jumped straight to seeking certification. My reply to the request is described below. No scans were provided by D.A to help in identification. So, I guessed. Fred's reply:

Hello Dwayne;

The U-boat issues have a Scott #B218 to B229, they are valued at \$5.50 (mint hinged), or \$18.00 (mint never hinged). These prices are for the whole set of 12 stamps.

During WW2 the German army in the North Africa theater used field post parcel stamps as described in the Michael catalog. This stamp is not mentioned in the Scott standard catalog.

II. Örtliche Ausgaben

Tunis (April 1943)



Feldpostpäckchen-Zulassungsmarke für die in Nordafrika befindlichen Truppen. □ Roleff; Sldr. der PROP. Kp. Tunis auf verschiedenen Papieren; gez. 11½.

Md) Dattelpalme mit Hakenkreuz im Mäanderrahmen

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b hellchrom- bis mittelchromgelbes, wabenartiges genetztes Papier, gestreifter Gummi, Zähnung meist mangelhaft	550,—	3200,—	3000,—

* = mint, ** = mint never hinged, the third price is a certified used stamp. Scan from the German catalogue, I think the prices quoted are in euros (2005)

To be sure send a scan of the stamps at 600 dpi. Don't request certification of the U-boat stamps, cost of certification is far greater than the value of the stamps.

Fred Tauber

Jeff Pacey, Having Fun

- 1) Here's a postcard I sent Richard from Banff. I did it for shits and giggles. Hopefully he puts this in his Canada collection. Plus, I burned up a bunch of old, low value mostly damaged stamps. Some I kept, the glue was dried out, heavy hinge damage, thins and creases made these not worth saving. Used them as postage. Postage a \$1.05

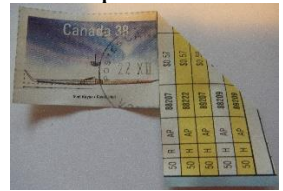


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Back

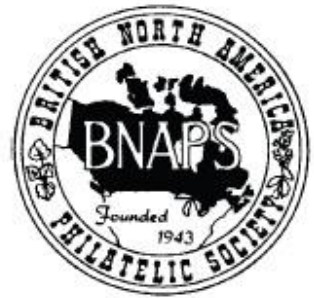
- 2) I soaked this off an envelope. I thought at first that it was some sort of error that had been used. Turned out that it was cut out of a stamp catalogue. People are so cheap.



- 3) This is what happens when you store mint stamps in a high humidity environment. The one on the left is the face. The one on the right is the backside, with the ink from the left one imprinted in the glue.



**British North American
Philatelic Society**
Pacific Northwest Region



“SAVE THE DATE”

This year the annual BNAPS Regional convention is being held in the **sunny Okanagan** at **Vernon, BC** conveniently located at the Fairfield Inn & Suites.

Friday September 25, 2020

Meet & Greet

Saturday September 26, 2020

6 Educational Sessions

Membership in BNAPS is **not** required to attend, just an interest in expanding your philatelic knowledge, meeting like minded philatelists and having some fun.

Fees are modest at \$30.

If you would like to attend, email Mark Oakley at BNAPS-PNW@shaw.ca
And we will send you a registration package. Or call 250 878 2700

Ebay – German States



GERMANY_HAMBURG-7_MHR, (10 bids) \$46 / #19_U, (16) \$46 / #23_MHR, (15) \$24



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