

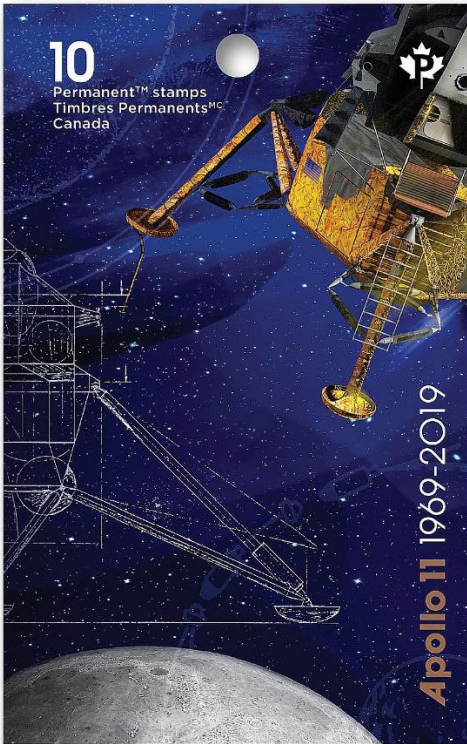
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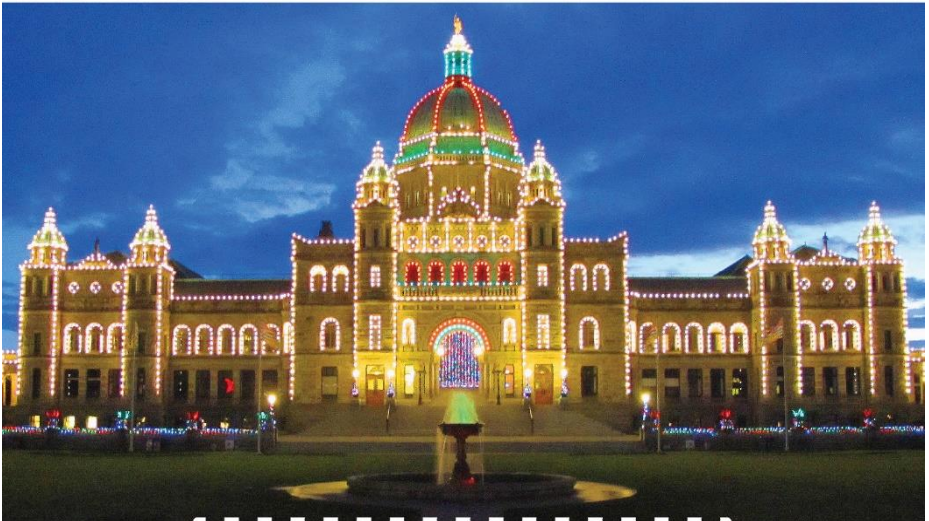
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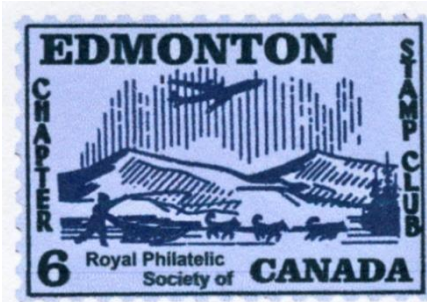
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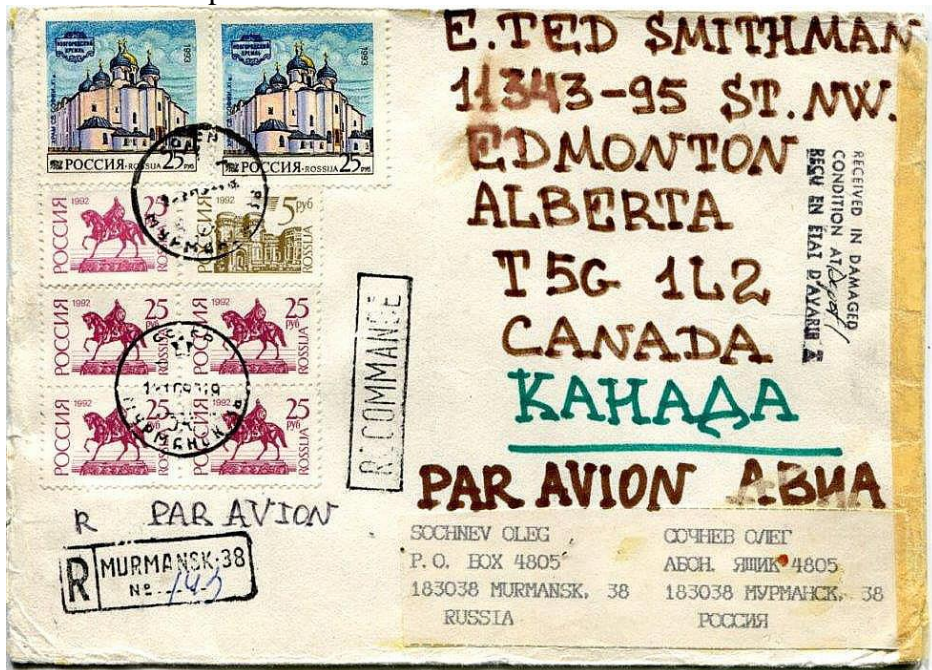
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A Very Special Cover

I received a very special cover today. This is a registered cover from Murmansk, Russia to Edmonton Alberta, [Fig 1]. The stamps are common Russian stamps with nicely placed hand cancels. It has nice register markings on the front of the cover. It was damaged in transit, so it received repair tape and clear hand stamped bilingual postal “Received in Damaged Condition” stamps. On the back of the envelope are two more Canada Post hand stamps, [Fig 2]. The first was a sloppy, probably Montreal stamp and a day later a crisp Edmonton stamp.



This is a nice cover but what is very special about this cover? It is who it was addressed to, Ted Smithman. I answered an ad back in 1981/82 asking for philatelic correspondence. This started my friendship with Ted. In addition to our correspondence I would meet with him while I was passing through Edmonton in my travels to and from Inuvik. After retirement and the family moving to Edmonton we would have coffee every week. We discussed stamps, life and solved the world's problems.

NOTICE

\$DUES\$ ARE DUE

For the 2019-2020 club year
\$30 full membership, \$40 family

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.

Royal Philatelic Society of Canada

Volunteer Recognition - 2019

This year's honourees were recognized at the 2019 Royal show in St. Catherines, Ontario
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Kelly Liusz Moser

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We got together every week until he died. This cover brought me a moment of happy memories of the joy Ted Smithman brought into my life.



Richard Barnes

Canadians Helped Design Apollo Moon Lander

Celebrate the 50th anniversary of Apollo 11, the “giant leap” for humankind, and pay tribute to the Canadians who contributed to this historic mission to the moon, with this pane of six Permanent domestic stamps.

The pane includes three joined-and-inverted (*tête-bêche*) pairs of Permanent domestic stamps, each featuring a realistic illustration of part of the Apollo 11 spacecraft. The upper stamp of each pair, with Earth at the top, depicts the command and service module. The lower stamp shows the lunar module descending toward the moon. On the pane’s uppermost and lowermost stamps, the Earth and moon intersect with the background image.

Apollo 11’s lunar module, the Eagle, touched down successfully on July 20, 1969. More than 500 million people around the world were transfixed by blurry black and white television footage of astronaut Neil Armstrong taking humankind’s first steps on the moon.

Helping make the historic moment possible were many Canadians who worked on the Apollo program. NASA engineers James Chamberlin and Owen Maynard played key planning and design roles for Apollo 11. Employees at Héroux Machine Parts Limited (now Héroux-Devtek) in Longueuil, Quebec, manufactured the landing gear legs for the lunar module.

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STAMP DESIGNER: Subplot Design Inc.

STAMP VALUE: Permanent™ (domestic rate)

QUANTITY PRODUCTS: 40,000



Japanese Pigeon Post

I find it a pleasure and an honor when I have the opportunity to meet with fellow stamp collectors to discuss what interests them and what philatelic topics they are working on. While attending the National Edmonton Spring Show in March, I was talking with Doug Kending. He showed me the attached letter and two attached pieces of Japanese mail. I found it very interesting and hope the membership will also enjoy seeing these three scans.



THE OSAKA MAINICHI
OSAKA, JAPAN.

SHINGORO TAKAISHI
EDITOR AND DIRECTOR

Osaka, Nov. 4, 1936.

Dr. K. Stulpner,
Fukuoka Kotogakko,
Fukuoka.

Dear Dr. Stulpner,

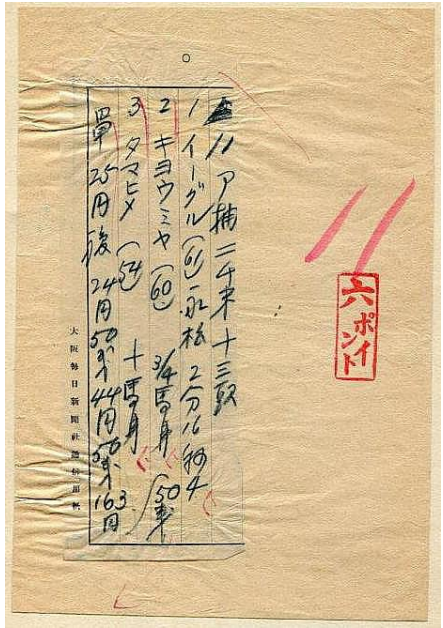
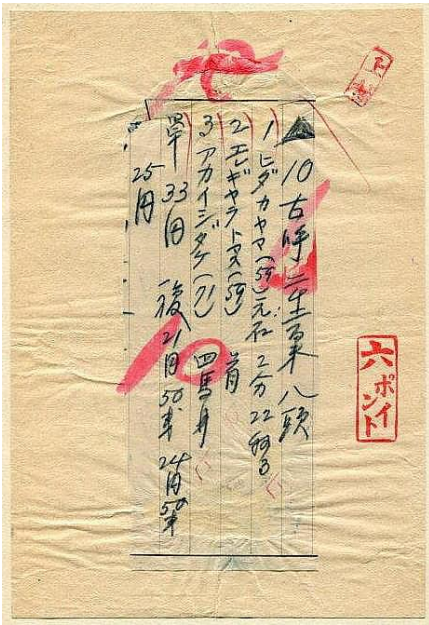
I received your letter of Oct. 29 asking us to send you some manuscript that was carried by our carrier -pigeons. Since you seem to be particularly interested in this phase of the Japanese newspaper, work, I have instructed some MSS carried by the pigeons sent to you.

Hoping that this will satisfy you,
I remain

Yours sincerely

Shingoro Takaishi

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Is there any member that can provide more information on this topic of pigeon mail? Of particular interest to me is where these pigeon mail messages originated. This is the period of the Sino-Japanese War. Japan had good modern internal communications at this time. Were these two pieces of mail time sensitive or coming from a remote location? Can any member translate these two messages or suggest a contact that would consider translating these messages?

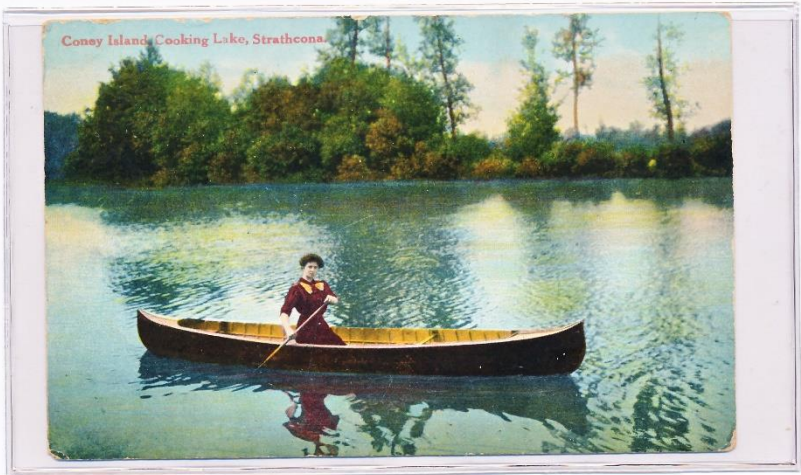
Richard Barnes

Recent Ebay



FRANCE #197_MNH, (14 bids) \$169 / #246_MNH, (25 bids) \$261

CONEY ISLAND, COOKING LAKE, STRATHCONA.



The Cree, Blackfoot, and Sarcee were the first to inhabit the area, and named the lake O-PI-MI-W-SIOOSAKYAKN (here's where we cook lake). In 1894 prominent Edmontonians bought Pine Island and renamed it Coney Island after all the cones from the Spruce trees. Cabins were built and it became an exclusive club. The lake water has receded and it is no longer a island, in South Cooking Lake. It can be reached from the north shore by a causeway, on range road 520. It is a Stedman card used 14th of May 1909.

Barend Wissink



PRIVATE POST CARD

1c.
CANADA AND
UNITED STATES
2c
FOREIGN.

THIS SPACE MAY BE USED FOR CORRESPONDENCE

14/5/09

Arrived safely Monday night
without breaking my neck
again. Big time in Becona
today? That is for here have
an invitation to Sowers.
today & am just starting.
Will be out Sunday I think
if all well. Yours —
7.10

THIS SPACE IS FOR ADDRESS ONLY.

Miss M. E. Jackson
Route No 1.
Colours Bay.

Published by Stedman Bros. Ltd., Bramford, Canada.
Made in Germany.

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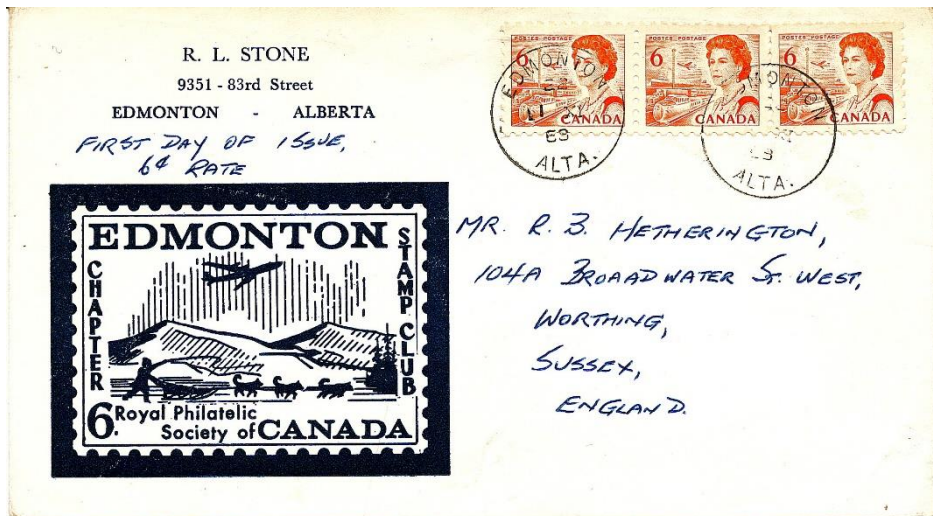
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 February 10th & 24th
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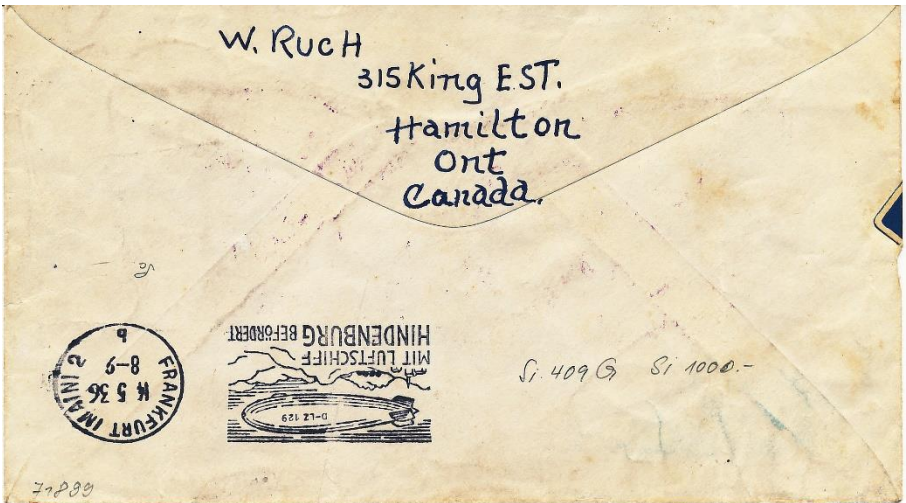
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(British North America Philatelic Society) meets from time to time. All BNAPSers welcome. For information contact David Piercey at 780-437-2771 or Steven Friedenthal at 780-721-3669.

Another Collectable Cover (FDC)



Zeppelin Cover From Canada to Switzerland



The postmark shows the letter left Canada on May 8, 1936. On the back of the cover, arrival at Frankfurt on May 14, 1936. Hamilton, Canada to New York (no postmark), to Hamburg, Germany, to Bern Switzerland (no postmark). Where are the missing postmarks? LZ129 Hindenburg fight number 13

Sieger catalog no. 409.G (2001) 500 Euros

Michel catalog no. 15 A (2003) 300 Euros

THE PANAMA CANAL STORY - Part 11

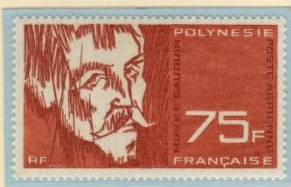
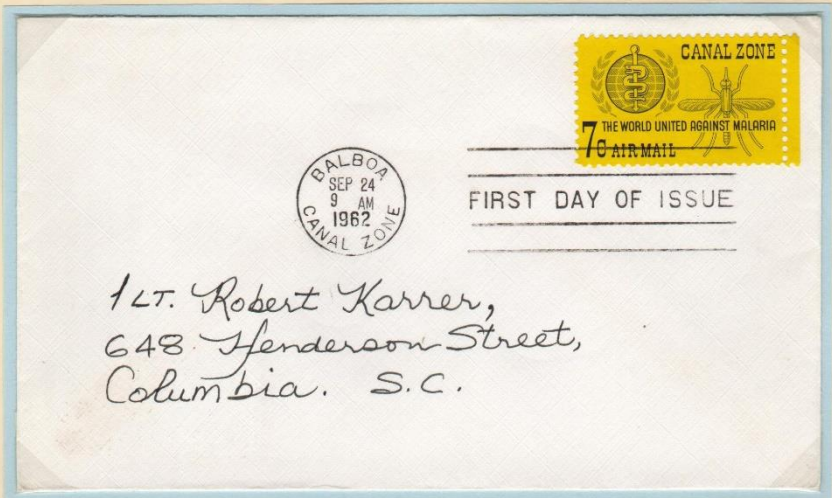
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Ray Ireson

The other winged killer insect was the *Anopheles* mosquito - carrier of Malaria.

Yellow Fever and Malaria took more than 5,000 lives during the eight years that the French spent in Panama.

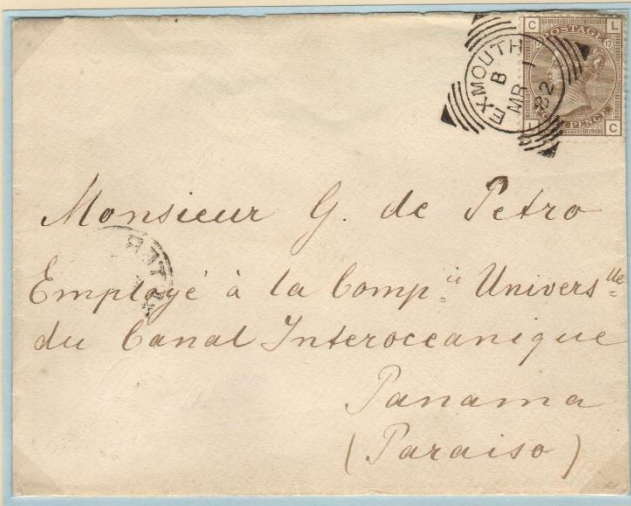


PAUL GAUGUIN arrived in Panama in 1887. Penniless, he joined the Canal labour force. Once he'd saved the passage money, he shipped out to Martinique -- before the mosquitos got him!

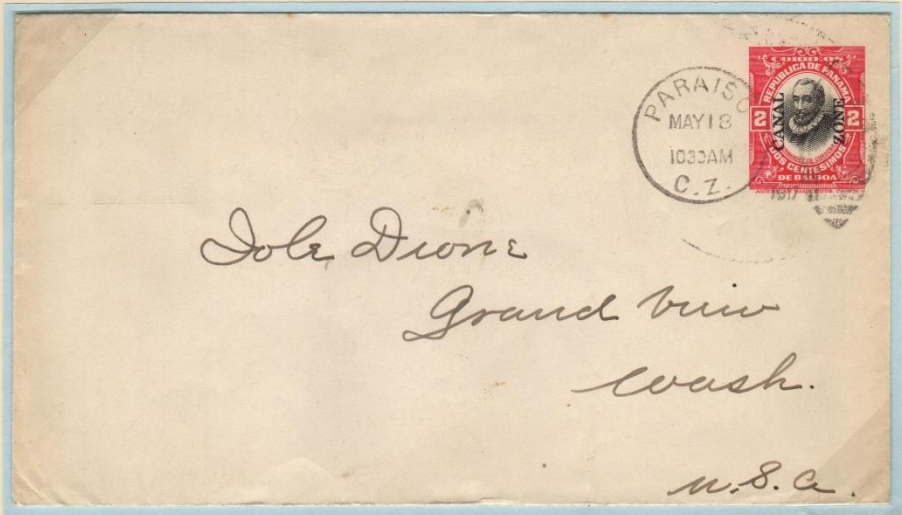
In spite of the death toll, EXCAVATION continued. Wyse estimated a removal of 65 million cubic yards of earth to dig the canal. When the French were forced to retire they had dug 72 m cu. yds. ... and the end was not even in sight!



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One of the French camps along the Canal route was called "PARAISO" (Paradise). With Death ever stalking the French canal builders, the name was bizarre! But after the Americans took over the Canal project they eradicated fever from the Zone, and thus saw no reason to change the camp's name.



First issue of CZPS imprinted envelopes, released in 1916.

During the French presence on the Isthmus they saw troubled times: a civil war broke out in 1885. US Marines landed at Colón and Panama to protect American interests. Both British and French forces stood by to protect their nationals, if necessary. Fortunately, the Canal project was not molested by the rebels.

Due to this civil strife, Panama and Colón post offices were unable to obtain regular stamp supplies from Bogotá. After their stocks were exhausted, they applied their duplex cancel to outgoing mail (after payment of the postage) and notified the U.P.U. accordingly so that postage due would not be collected at destination.

"STAMPLESS" cover mailed by the French Canal Company in Panama to its Paris Headquarters.



Only 19 such "stampless" covers have been recorded to date [18 from Panama and 1 from Colón]. Of these 19 covers, 13 were sent to the U.S., 5 to France, 1 to Germany. This "stampless" period lasted from March 7th to July 6, 1885.

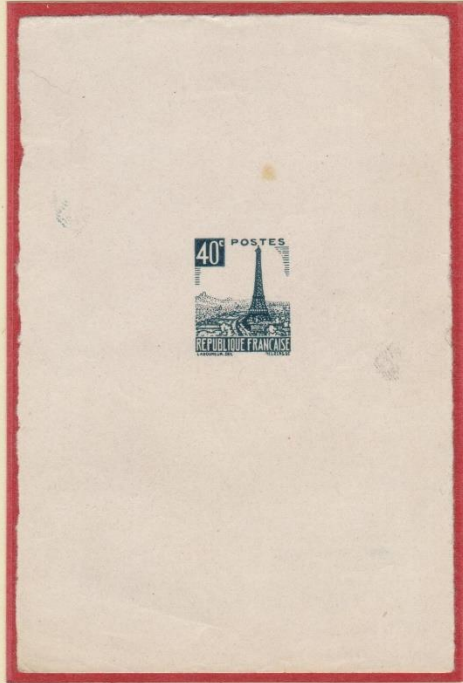
The engineers finally came to realize that a sea level canal was an impossibility.



GUSTAVE EIFFEL was called on to design the locks: (he had foretold these would be necessary.)

But it was too late money had run out!

Named after its architect, the EIFFEL TOWER was opened in 1889 to commemorate the Paris Exposition. And it was in February of 1889 that Cie Universelle du Canal Interocéanique de Panama was declared by the Courts to be bankrupt.

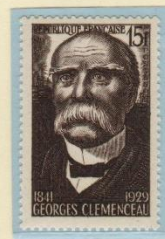


Construction on the Canal site ceased on May 18 1889.

Because of his association with the Canal project, Eiffel's reputation suffered unfairly.

Proof of unadopted essay prepared in 1934 by M. Laboureur

Thousands were ruined and the public outcry elicited official investigations which uncovered bribery and corruption at the highest political levels. The ensuing scandal brought the Government down. GEORGES CLEMENCEAU, a very prominent Deputy, was implicated and he suffered defeat at the next elections. It was years before he was politically rehabilitated to lead France during World War I.



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Plate Proof

FERDINAND DE LESSEPS, his son Charles, & many other Company officials faced trial on charges of fraud and mismanagement.



All were found guilty and received prison sentences but, due to his failing health, the sentence of "le Grand Français" was suspended.

He died on December 7, 1894, a pauper. The Suez Canal Co. paid his funeral costs.

To keep the Canal concession alive until a purchaser could be found, the Compagnie Nouvelle du Canal de Panama was incorporated on October 20, 1894. But, it was recognized that a canal was beyond private enterprise. To all intents and purposes, the French Era was finished.



Meanwhile, the Company had continued to operate the railroad, which carried the trans-Isthmian mails. Their own internal mail between stations was outside of the postal system so no postage stamps were needed. However, such mail did receive the Company's handstamp.

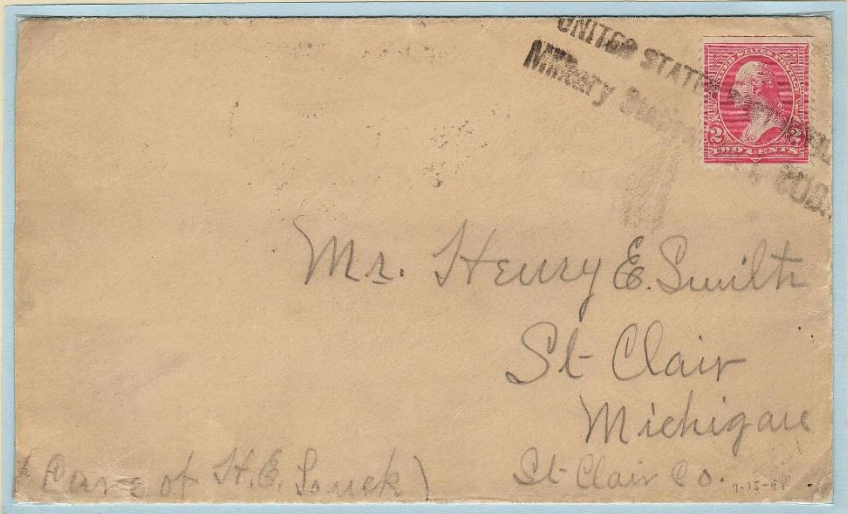
Internal mail cover sent from Panama to Colón on April 29, 1891.

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When the U.S.S. Maine blew up and sank in Havana harbour on Feb. 15, 1898, it sparked the outbreak of the Spanish-American War.



THEODORE ROOSEVELT, Assistant Secretary of the Navy, resigned in order to organize the First Regiment of U.S. Cavalry Volunteers - the "Rough Riders" - to join the conflict.



War cover, dated July 15, 1898, from an American serviceman in the Cuban campaign.



U.S.S. OREGON (the Maine's sister ship) was in San Francisco. She was ordered to Florida at once. Racing full speed, the trip still took 67 days. She took part in the naval battle at Santiago, in which US Rear Adm. WILLIAM SAMPSON & Commodore WINFIELD SCHLEY defeated the Spanish squadron.

Following the naval victory, the "ROUGH RIDERS" assault on SAN JUAN HILL, near Santiago, won the day & brought the conflict to an end.



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