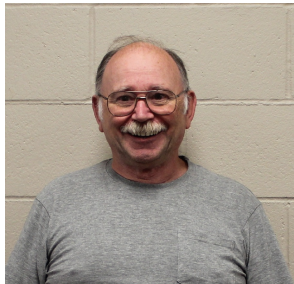


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Chapter 191
Royal Philatelic Society of Canada

Next Meeting: Wednesday, January 16th, 2019 @ 7 PM
St Mary's High School, Hillyer Hall, 555 15th Street East, Owen Sound

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From the President



HAPPY BELATED NEW YEAR TO EACH AND EVERYONE.

I hope that all your New Year's resolutions come true and be completed, for you and your family. And that everyone had a safe and healthy holiday.

Just imagine, the calendar has rolled up another digit. Guess we should remember to change the last digit of the year to a nine not an eight. I am looking forward to seeing each and everyone of you in attendance for our first meeting of the New Year.

We will have our regular business, then an auction for the finishing up of Larry Crane's Stamp Collection's last few lots. The rest of the night we can spend looking through the Club's Circuit Books.

John C. Lemon
President
OSSC.

**From the Editor
Phil Visser**

Welcome to the New Year. It is also time to renew club membership and hopefully this can be done when we gather on the 16th.

A page is dedicated to the final auction of Larry Crane's collection. I hope you find things of interest for your own collection and help raise funds for Mary. I know that I certainly improved a collection from what I had bought at the first auction, all it takes is to be adventuresome.

There is also a short report on the December club meeting as well as some more on the Circuit books.

Following those tidbits, comes another article written by yours truly. I also received an input for the "Soapbox" at the end of the newsletter. I hope this stirs some thought on the club meetings so that they become more varied

With the turn of the calendar pages, there comes many opportunities to travel through the Ontario winter landscape to attend shows. Have a look and see if there is anything of interest for you. I generally list shows that are within a 2-3 hour drive of Owen Sound. Last fall, several members made the trek to Barrie and they were very pleased to see such a large turnout from Grey County

Now here come a couple of teaser scans for you to see how they relate to the remainder of the newsletter.



Larry Crane's Collection Auction
Owen Sound, Wednesday January 16th

Lot 1	4 books about stamp collecting. "Collecting Postage Stamps by L.N. Williams"; "The Musson Stamps Dictionary"; "Illustrated history of Stamp Design"; and a booklet "Processing Mixtures."
Lot 2	Binders of topicals and United States stamps. Topicals include "Bridges," "US Flags and States," "United States to 1940," "United States 1941 to 2000" and "United States 2001 to Present"
Lot 3	4 Binders with topicals; "Graphic Arts," "Postal History," "Geography," and "Birds." Not many each binder but a nice start for someone to work on.
Lot 4	3 Binders and a stockbook. 1 binder and a stockbook of Australian stamps, with 2 other binders labelled British commonwealth and "Miscellaneous."
Lot 5	2 binders filled with stamps from "B" countries and another binder of Brazil.
Lot 6	A binder of Belgian stamps from early to modern, including back of book material. Nice start to expand on.
Lot 7	2 binders with stamps from Italy and "J" countries. Includes Jamaica, Jersey, Jordon plus more
Lot 8	2 binders with stamps from Japan and Mexico.
Lot 9	3 binders with stamps from K and L countries, plus a binder of Malaya/Malaysia. K countries include Kenya, Korea and Kuwait and L countries include Labuan, Luxemburg, Latvia, and Liechtenstein. Plus more countries
Lot 10	Owen Sound Stamp Club golf shirt (XL) and an Owen Sound Stamp Club carrying bag
Lot 11	2 binders, one with I countries and a small binder with mint Italy. I countries include Iceland, Ifni, India including some Azadhind WW2 independence movement, Indonesia, Iran and Isle of Man
Lot 12	2 binders, one of Ireland and the other of Israel.
Lot 13	A 3 inch binder filled with Hungary, many many stamps.
Lot 14	2 1.5 inch binders of stamps from Hong Kong (1 binder) and H countries including Hong Kong, Hungary, Haiti and Honduras
Lot 15	2 1.5 inch binders with stamps from Guernsey and Greece
Lot 16	3 binders from Germany. A 3 inch binder with German States, West Germany, semi postal etc, a binder of GDR and a binder of Berlin (each 1 inch thick)
Lot 17	A 2 inch binder of Great Britain stamps. Elizabethan era to about 2005, with a section on Machins at the back of the binder
Lot 18	A 2 inch binder with stamps from G countries. Countries include Gambia, Gibraltar, Gilbert and Ellice, Ghana, Gold Coast, Guatemala and more.
Lot 19	A 3 inch binder labeled France, with pages from a Minkus album to about 1975 (not many stamps) but then vario and craft sheets with older and post WW2 stamps. Many stamps.
Lot 20	A 2 inch binder with many stamps from "M" countries. This includes Macao, many from Malta, Monaco and Mauritius.
Lot 21	A 2 inch binder with many stamps from South Africa.

This auction concludes the sale of Larry Crane's collection. Thank you for your active and spirited bidding in the previous auctions and hopefully this will continue with the last one as well.

December Meeting Highlights

There were about 15 or 16 members present, and some guests. Because I had to leave early for another meeting, I missed the Funny Munny auction, but I understand that the usual combination of several members helping out other members to win a bid happened again. John Appleton missed out on

the only thing he was interested in because of the gang bidding. Who won?

John Lemon's advertisement for the apple cider must have worked, because I received an empty crock pot back the next day. Thanks for looking after the crock pot John A. The rest of the evening must have also been enjoyable because the number of

treats I saw was certainly very tempting.

Club Circuit Book Report

Randy reports that 620 pages have been retired from the circuit books and will be returned to members at the January meeting. Members might want to try to sell some of their retired pages in the silent auctions.

Canada: the land of rocks, trees ...WATER

Part 2

By Phil Visser

In the previous article about the major waterways in Canada, the St Lawrence River was introduced as the major drainage system for the eastern part of North America. By itself, it does connect with the Great Lakes to provide a drain for water from the Central region of the continent. There are also several tributary rivers which appear on Canadian stamps.



Starting from seaward, a major tributary to the St Lawrence River is the Saguenay River. Where the Saguenay River joins with the St Lawrence, a trading post

was established in 1599, which we now call Tadoussac. The Saguenay River appears on Unitrade # 1511 as one of the Heritage River Series Canada Post issued in 1994. This series is called "Routes of the Fur Traders." But the Saguenay River also appears indirectly on two other stamps issued by Canada.

On Unitrade #1065, the lighthouse "Haut Fond Prince" is illustrated. This lighthouse is located where the two rivers meet. From a mariner's perspective, this mingling of waters creates strong currents which challenge the ability to steer a direct course across the entrance of the river. This area is also known for its whale watching. There is



one special whale that is most unusual, and that is the beluga whale. The confluence of the rivers is a prime area for their feeding and a whale watching



industry is busy during the summer months. The Beluga whale appears on two stamps, #1179 and #1871.

This river drains about 88,000 km² of the province of Quebec. Availability of hydroelectricity has led to the formation of an aluminum smelting industry in the region of Chicoutimi. Bauxite, the raw material from which aluminum is made from is delivered from several destinations, but the prime mining region is island of Jamaica. The Saguenay River is navigable up to Chicoutimi and Port Alfred and thus ocean going vessels deliver the raw materials that can be seen on our homes as aluminum siding etc.

Moving farther West, the next tributary that appears on stamps is the Richelieu River. Although not seen and named directly, the Richelieu River provided the early explorers a convenient route between New York City and Montreal. On June 17th, 1998 Canada Post issued a series of ten stamps titled "Canals." One of the canals featured,



#1726, is the St Ours Canal which has a number of locks to raise and lower vessels makes the river passable by boat and ultimately connects to Lake Champlain. This river system provides drainage northward from the states of New York and Vermont and drains about 24,000 km² of the continent.

This river system has another philatelic purpose since this was the natural route for mail to travel from New York to Canada (Montreal and Quebec) before the American revolution put a political boundary between these countries. Deputy Post Master General, Benjamin Franklin, helped establish the mail service and his image appears on two Canadian Stamps, #691 and #2648. #691 was



issued on June 1st, 1976 while #2649 was issued on June 10th 2013 to mark the 250th anniversary of postal history. One interesting side

bar of #691, is that it shows most of the St Lawrence River drainage basin.

At the city of Montreal, another river joins into the St Lawrence River. This river is known to English speaking people as the Ottawa River, but to our fellow French speaking peoples as Riviere des Outaouais and to the Algonquin peoples as Kitchissippi.

Geographically, the river forms the provincial border between Quebec and Ontario. It also drains about 146,000 km² of the continent. From a stamp collecting point of view, the Ottawa River appears on several stamps mostly as a backdrop or the foot of a stamp showing the Parliament Buildings or Library.

A first sighting of the Ottawa River is on Unitrade #442

issued on September 8th, 1965. The reason for this image appearing on the stamp was the 100th anniversary of Queen Victoria selecting Ottawa as the National capital for Canada. The selection ending the squabbles between Kingston, York (Toronto) and Montreal on which city should become the national capital. The next appearance of the Ottawa River on stamps is #1410 as the second issue that Canada Post dedicated to Heritage Rivers.



One of the major functions of the Ottawa River was to float logs downriver to Montreal and Quebec City for shipbuilding purposes as well as building homes for

settlers. #1410 shows a tug pulling a raft of logs along the river. Much lumber was harvested from Ontario and Quebec. A trip to Huntsville and the Algonquin Park will fill in how important the lumber trade was to the settlement of these parts of the province.

However, the Ottawa River is joined by another river which has served as several important parts of Canadian history. The Rideau River flows into the Ottawa River at Ottawa and it is here that the Rideau Canal appears on Canadian Stamps. Following the end of the war of 1812-4 with the United States, a great concern was held that the St Lawrence River

could be blockaded by the Americans between Kingston and Montreal. In order to keep communication links open for this threat, the Rideau Canal was constructed.

Colonel John By began the project in 1826 and the canal was completed in 1832. The canal joins the Rideau River to the Catarqui

River. The Catarqui River flows into Lake Ontario at Kingston. It was a commercial success at its beginning but now is used primarily for pleasure craft. The Rideau Canal appears on two stamps of the stamps that Canada Post issued in its “Canal” series. #1728 shows a pleasure boat entering a lock in the Rideau Canal. However, a second stamp of the Canal series also shows another proud fact in that during winter, the Rideau River and Canal in Ottawa claims to be the longest skating rink.



Guinness Book of Records lists the Rideau Canal as the “largest naturally frozen ice rink” in the world. This feature is shown on #1732 of the Canal series.

This is not the last stamp that was issue featuring the Rideau Canal. On May 16th, 2014 an image of the Canal was again featured on #2744. This time the

reason behind this subject is that the Canal is also a UNESCO world heritage site. It sports the face value of \$2.50, the postage rate for letters being mailed to foreign destinations, thus making it more difficult to add into ones collection.

However, the building of the Rideau Canal also showed how the St Lawrence River could be harnessed. The St Lawrence River was navigable up to Montreal. West of Montreal the river had several rapids which blocked further use of the river, although powered vessels were able to “shoot” the rapids in the early 1900’s. But the building of the



Lachine Canal allowed vessels to bypass the rapids and eventually the entire river became navigable. It is a very picturesque trip if you are ever able to take that tourist adventure.

Unitrade #1731 shows the Lachine Canal. However, the entire river system appears on the June 26th, 1959 St

Lawrence Seaway stamp. This stamp is listed as #387 by Unitrade, and it shows the St Lawrence River and the Great Lakes, the linking medallions show the maple leaf and eagle as symbols of our two countries. Alas, the invert is a gap that appears in my collection and I know of no one else who would have one available for scanning to make this a special newsletter! Like the Benjamin Franklin stamp of 1976, the Seaway stamp is a joint issue with the United States.



This series of articles will continue with the Great Lakes as a further drainage path from central North America to the St Lawrence River and ultimately the Atlantic Ocean.

Upcoming Shows

JAN 26, 2019

70th Cathex

Grantham Lions Club, 732 Niagara St., St. Catharines, ON, L2M 7W7

Host: St. Catharines Stamp Club. Held from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. 12 dealers, free admission, free parking club circuit, youth area, lunch counter.

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FEB 2, 2019

Bramalea Stamp Show & Bourse

Judith Nyman Secondary School, 1305 Williams Parkway, Brampton, Ontario, L6S3J8

Club show, 10 dealers, exhibits, table auctions, club sales books, kids table, refreshments, free admission.

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FEB 16, 2019

BURLPEX 2019

Burlington Seniors Centre, 2285 New St., Burlington, ON, L7R 1J4

The annual Burlington Stamp Show, BURLPEX, runs from 9:30 a.m.-3 p.m. with free parking, refreshments available and silent auctions.

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FEB 24, 2019

Toronto Postcard Club 38th Annual Sale

Japanese Canadian Cultural Centre, 6 Garamond Crt., Toronto, ON, M3C 1Z5

This is Canada's largest vintage postcard show with 40 tables and thousands of postcards for sale from many countries and covering many topics. The show will be open from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Admission is \$5, and parking is free. TTC accessible.

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MAR 3, 2019

Mississauga Coin & Stamp Show

John Paul II Polish Cultural Centre, 4300 Cawthra Rd., Mississauga, ON, L4Z 1V8

Sponsored by the Troyak Club. Hours: 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Over 30 dealers & 60 dealer tables. Canadian and world stamps, banknotes, coins and supplies.

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MAR 16, 2019

68th Annual OXPEX/39th Annual OTEX

Woodstock Christian School, 800 Juliana Dr., Woodstock, ON, N4S 8X8

The 68th Annual Oxford Philatelic Society Exhibition (OXPEX 2019) and the 39th Annual All-Ontario Topical Exhibition (OTEX 2019) will be held March 16 from 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Featuring 16 dealers, competitive exhibits, lunch/snack counter, youth gift bags, prize draws and club circuit books, the show boasts free parking as well as free admittance.

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Soapbox

Silent auctions do not interfere with the normal activities at a meeting and provide additional venues for members to sell surplus items. I suggest we schedule 3 silent auctions for 2019 (February, June, October). All members would be encouraged to bring material they want to sell to the highest bidder. Bidding would end at 8:30 and members would be responsible for collecting the proceeds from their sold items. The only involvement the club would have would be scheduling the auctions, providing bid sheets for the items, and acting as time keeper for the 8:30 signal. Members would keep all money from their sales.

Randy Rogers