

OWEN SOUND STAMP CLUB

Chapter 191
Royal Philatelic Society of Canada

Next meeting; Wed. February 20th 2008

From the President...

Ground Hogs Unite!

Well the purpose of the headline is to get everyone's attention, I hope it worked. Besides I am running out of material so I thought I would have a little fun.

Last months meeting was quite busy with elections and discussions about our annual show. It was decided that in the future our annual show and bourse will be held in the middle of September, this year it will be September 13th or 14th, to be decided at this month's meeting. We have made some inquiries as to different venues and have not had promising results. It may be best to continue at the Bayshore on Sundays as it offers the best price for space relationship. This will be decided at this months meeting.

Let me take this opportunity to thank all the members that have already renewed their memberships and remind the rest that it is that time of year again. This money goes to the preparation and mailing of the news letter and is still only \$ 10.00.

Now let us have some real fun at this meeting and put on a really big auction, every one bring lots of lots and lots of cash, and go a little crazy!!!

Don't forget our one page challenge as their will be prizes for this, which have been mentioned by others in this letter. It really is this month for sure and prizes will be awarded.

Well that is all for now, Happy Stamping !

President OSSC
Alan M Charlesworth

Upcoming Events...

FEB. 16, Niagara Falls, ON. NIPEX 2008, Stamford Lions Club Hall, 3846 Portage Rd. Hours: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Free admission. Sponsor/Affiliate: Niagara Philatelic Society. For more information, contact Ed Yonelinas, (905) 262-5127, mastamps@computan.on.ca.

FEB. 17, Toronto, ON. Toronto Postcard Club 27th Annual Postcard Show and Sale, Humber College Gym, Entrance "D", 203 Humber College Blvd. Hours: 9:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Admission \$5.00 Free parking. Approximately 50 dealer tables with vintage and modern postcards for sale along with postcard supplies, postcard-related items and collectibles. Beverages, snacks and lunch available.

Sponsor/Affiliate: Toronto Postcard Club. For more information, contact tpcannualshow@torontopostcardclub.com or Shirley Avery at 613-345-7598. Web site: <http://torontopostcardclub.com>.

FEB. 23, Ajax, ON. APEX 2008, Ajax Recreation Centre, Centennial Rd. HMS Ajax Room. Our 29th Annual Stamp show: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Free Parking and Admission. Hourly draws, raffles, displays and Youth table. Food and drink concession. On Monarch Avenue just south of Bayly between Westney and Harwood. Sponsor/Affiliate: Ajax Philatelic Society. For more information, contact Steve Warcop at warcopstamps@hotmail.com.

FEB. 28, St. Thomas, ON. Annual Exhibition, Community of Christ, 105 Fairview Ave. For more information, contact Martin Dekeyzer, 438 High St., London, ON, N6C 4L5, (519) 681-7145.

MARCH 1, Windsor, ON. WINPEX 2008, Forest Glade Areana, 3205 Forest Glade Dr. Hours 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., free admission, exhibits, youth table, door prizes. Sponsor/Affiliate: Essex County Stamp Club. For more information, contact David L. Newman, lacumo@cogeco.ca. Web site: <http://ec-se.tripod.com>.

MARCH 2, Mississauga, ON. V Polish - Canadian Coin, Stamp & Collectibles Show 2008, John Paul II Polish Cultural Centre, 4300 Cawthra Rd. (just south of 403). Hours: 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Many tables of coins, medals, paper money, stamps, militaria and antique papers. Polonica and historical souvenirs. Polish stamps expert info table. "Troyak Junior" table with boxes of free stamps for kids. Free admission and parking. Refreshments available. Sponsor/Affiliate: Polish - Canadian Coin & Stamp Club "Troyak". For more information, contact Janusz (Peter) Machulec, 647-400-7857 or 416-724-4410, info@troyakclub.com. Web site: <http://www.troyakclub.com>.

MARCH 9, Ottawa, ON. Stamp and Coin Show, Nepean Sportsplex, 1701 Woodroffe Ave. Hours: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Free parking and admission. Seventeen dealers. For more information, contact Brian Wolfenden, (613) 226-2045.

MARCH 15, Woodstock, ON. OXPEX/OTPEX 2008, John Knox Christian School, 800 Juliana Dr. Hours: 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Free parking and admission. Highlights include exhibits, dealers, youth area, prize draws, Canada Post counter, refreshments. Sponsor/Affiliate: Oxford Philatelic Society. For more information, contact David Ward, Co-Show Chair, (519) 539-2221, ward2221@rogers.com.

MARCH 15, Burlington, ON. Burloak Stamp Fair, Burlington Senior's Centre, 2285 New St. (at Seneca). Hours: 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Between five and nine dealers, and there is always new stock to explore. Collections bought. For more information, contact M.P. Anderson at (905) 632-6057, e-mail michael@parcelsplusinc.com.

MARCH 22, Toronto, ON. Postage Stamp Exhibition and Bourse, Yorkminster Park Baptist Church, 1585 Yonge St. Hours: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Club sales circuit, free parking and admission, wheelchair access. Sponsor/Affiliate: North Toronto Stamp Club. For more information, contact Herb, (416) 445-7720, fax (416) 444-1273, e-mail ntstampclub@yahoo.ca.

MARCH 22, St. Catharines, ON. Holiday Inn Stamp Show, Holiday Inn, Niagara Room, Lake St. and QEW. Hours: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Free admission and parking. Sponsor/Affiliate: Roy's Stamps. For more information, contact Roy Houtby at 905-934-8377.

From Dr. Phil A. Telly...

Stamps got you licked? Feeling stamped out?

Don't worry. Don't let it get you down,
Dr. Phil A. Telly has come to town!

Dear Dr. Phil,

There is a little problem that has been bothering me. Many of your readers will agree with me (I hope) and maybe something can be done. I love going to Stamp club meetings and Shows so I get out to quite a number every month. Now due to budget cuts from my spouse, I usually have a minimal budget, so I am always happy when a club meeting or show has a silent or a table auction since I can usually get some slightly more reasonably priced items for our tight budgets.

This is where my problem comes in; as a buyer of bulk lots I love sorting them but I have been finding more and more that what is in these lots is junk. Now I am fully aware that these stamps have been previously sorted but why don't the consignors remove some of the damaged material. Finding the odd damaged stamp is expected but when you get 10% or more, which I have had, it reflects poorly on all consignors. I consider the people at the clubs and shows I attend regularly as my friends and I would never stick a friend with a bunch of **JUNK** in an auction. If I knew who it was I would probably be very disappointed. Some people probably don't even think about it and don't do it maliciously. This happens everywhere and I do not mean to offend anyone, unless you are one of those rare individuals who do this knowingly and don't care. What can I do?

Gotta Gripe

Dear Gotta,

I have encountered this problem myself and heard the grumbling of others. It is possible that after reading this some people will be shocked to recognize themselves and improve their sorting habits.

If you continue to find many more lots like you have described, let your executive know and if you can track this person down, banning them from selling in club sales would be a good thing for everyone. Remember all you consignors - we would all like to consider you a friend but without some quality going into our auctions eventually people will quit buying.

Dr. Phil

Dr. Phil A. Telly is our little syndicated column. If you've got questions for Dr. Phil please forward your questions to your editor. Questioners will be kept anonymous unless he or she requests to use their name.



Lester B. Pearson

by Ralph Wyndham

February, the month of love, of Valentine's Day, seemed to me to be a very good time to look at the life of a Nobel Peace Prize winner and truly great Canadian, the 14th Prime Minister of Canada, Lester Bowles Pearson, who was commemorated in our Millennium stamp series.

Pearson was born April 23, 1897 in Newtonbrook, Ontario, a hamlet long ago swept up in the growth of the city of Toronto. He began studies at the University of Toronto in 1914. He was an excellent athlete; his competitive nature led him to excel in many sports including rugby and hockey. He played semi-pro baseball as a young man in order to earn money during the summer. He remained such an avid baseball fan that when he was Prime Minister, he had a TV installed in his office so he could watch the World Series.



1914 was also the start of World War One. Being too young to enlist in the army, Pearson volunteered for the medical corps and served in Egypt and Greece. In 1917 he transferred to the Royal Flying Corps. During his pilot training one of his instructors, felt that 'Lester' was no name for a fighter pilot, gave him the nickname 'Mike'. Pearson adopted the name and was thereafter known as Mike in his personal life though he continued to use 'Lester' in his public life.

After crash landing his plane and a close call with a bus during a London blackout, Mike was diagnosed with an anxiety disorder and sent home in 1918 after serving nearly 3 years. He recovered from his nervous breakdown but his war experiences left him with a desire for peace that would never leave him.

Pearson returned to the University of Toronto after the war and graduated with his BA in 1919. He received a scholarship to St. John's College, Oxford where he received a BA in history in 1923 then a Masters degree in 1925. He then returned home to teach history at the University of Toronto.

It seems only natural to me that Pearson, a history professor, would take an interest in politics. While researching a book on the United Empire Loyalists at the National Archives in 1926, he got his introduction to the political world by going to the visitor's gallery to watch proceedings in Parliament.



It would still be some time, however, before Pearson entered the world of electoral politics. He agreed to take the Foreign Service exam, got top marks, and in 1928 was given the job of First Secretary in Canada's newly formed Department of External Affairs. His sense of humour, charm and easygoing personality combined with his unwavering determination to make the world a better place led to a long, distinguished career in diplomacy.

Pearson's WWI flying instructor felt 'Lester' was a

Over the next 20 years he held various positions in External Affairs including Ambassador to the United States. He did a great deal of work with various United Nations projects culminating in the signing of the UN charter in 1945 and also helped to establish the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO). His work earned him such high respect at the UN that he was nominated for first Secretary General of the UN though his nomination was vetoed by the Soviet Union.



In 1948 Prime Minister Louis St. Laurent appointed Pearson Secretary of State for External Affairs (equivalent to Minister of Foreign Affairs today). Later that same year, he was elected Member of Parliament for the federal riding of Algoma East. In his new position, he continued to work for the development of the United Nations as leader of Canada's delegations to the organization.

'Mike' Pearson was an excellent athlete. Baseball was one of his passions. He played

The nationalization of the Suez Canal by Egypt sparked

The greatest achievement in Pearson's diplomatic career came in 1956. In July of that year, Egyptian President, Gamal Abdel Nasser, nationalized the Suez Canal Company. In response, with the backing of Britain and France, Israel invaded Egypt's Sinai Peninsula with the ultimate goal being that Britain and France would regain control of the canal. When the Soviet Union threatened to come to the aid of Egypt, many felt that World War 3 could erupt. Lester Pearson stepped in to broker an agreement that allowed a United Nations force to be deployed between the two nations to keep the peace. For his actions, Pearson was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize in 1957. The Nobel selection committee said that Pearson "had saved the world".

Pearson was elected leader of the Liberal Party of Canada in 1958 and after serving the next five years as leader of the opposition in Parliament, came to power as Canada's 14th Prime Minister in 1963 with a minority government.

With the support of the New Democratic Party led by Tommy Douglas, Pearson brought a tremendous amount of
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significant legislation into law: universal health care, Canada Pension Plan, Canada Student Loans and perhaps greatest of all, our national flag which was officially unfurled at noon on February 15, 1965.



Most of Pearson's accomplishments seem to have been achieved in the tension-filled atmosphere of crisis. From the brink of world war three over the Suez Canal to the constant difficulties in holding together a minority government, it seemed that he was happiest when faced with imminent disaster. While prime minister, Mike would jokingly tell anxious aides not to worry saying "we'll jump off that bridge when we come to it."

Both as a diplomat and as prime minister, Pearson stuck to his principles. He refused to cooperate with U.S. Senator Joseph McCarthy's anti-communist crusade in the 1950's. When the FBI prepared a 243-page dossier on Pearson and threatened to release it to try to force him to be more helpful, he simply told them to go ahead. The FBI backed down. As Prime Minister, he refused to allow Canada to get involved in the Viet Nam War and angered President Lyndon Johnson by criticizing the bombing of North Viet Nam.

As leader of the Liberal Party, he was able to inspire others. Lloyd Axworthy, himself once Canada's Minister of Foreign Affairs, for example, credits Pearson with fostering his own desire to make a positive contribution to the world. For his efforts to ban the use of land mines, Axworthy earned his own nomination for the Nobel Peace Prize. Pearson also seemed to have a good eye for leadership qualities in others. Pierre Trudeau, John Turner, and Jean Chretien all of whom were brought into the party by him, would each later serve as Prime Minister of Canada.

Canada's millennium series honoured Pearson for his Nobel Peace Prize. Pearson is considered the



Despite his fine personal qualities, his great track record as a legislator, and his ability build consensus and inspire people behind the scenes, he was a poor political campaigner. Worse still, he did not perform well on television. After leading the country through its 1967 centennial celebrations, Pearson retired from politics in 1968 and became Chancellor of Carleton University in Ottawa as well as professor of international relations.

In retirement, he also chaired a study on international development that recommended more financial aid by rich countries to poorer nations. I will leave the last words about this remarkable Canadian to the secretary to that commission: " [Lester Pearson] induced a breathtaking reduction in the pettiness, the self-serving, the back-biting, the callousness and the small-mindedness to which all of us are subject. He led us by drawing out the best in us. He showed us that it was possible to be serious without taking oneself seriously."

Lester B. 'Mike' Pearson died of cancer in 1972 and is buried in a small cemetery in Gatineau, Quebec.

Thanks again to Ralph Wyndham for use of his articles!



Point Clark, ON. Pachena Point, BC Warren Landing, MA Cap-des-

On the Cover...

I wasn't going to use the new flag definitives on the cover of your newsletter however, a bit of controversy has arisen over this issue that you may find of interest. This year's flag stamps have been adorned with lighthouses from across Canada. Released on December 27th 2007, these 'permanent' domestic rate stamps have five designs issued in booklets of 10. A triple booklet is supposed to be released on May the 1st. As usual Canada Post has made an admirable attempt to represent the whole country, even to the point of finding a lighthouse from the prairie provinces in the form of the Warren Landing lighthouse on the shore of Lake Winnipeg, Manitoba.

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Of interest to stamp collectors in this vicinity is the stamp bearing the image of the Point Clark lighthouse. The 110

ft. lighthouse is located about as far south as you can go following the Lake Huron shoreline of Bruce County, perhaps 15 kilometers south of Kincardine. Bruce County

celebrates it's lighthouses unashamedly to attract tourists. Point Clark is a National Historical Site and has a museum. Next August when I head over to the Kincardine Stamp Show, I'll have to check out the lighthouse there and head down to Point Clark as well. People are proud of course, to have a local landmark represented on our national postage stamps, but I have heard grumblings that the image doesn't look like the lighthouse in question. I cannot say, I haven't seen it myself.

You may think that the Point Clark stamp doesn't look quite right but alarm bells must have been ringing at Canada Post when they discovered an article in the *Victoria Times Colonist* that claimed that the image of the Pachena Point lighthouse in British Columbia is inverted. The error was reported to the newspaper by the lighthouse keeper Iain Colquhoun and I guess that he should know! The Pachena Point lighthouse was built on a dangerous stretch of the western shore of Vancouver Island in 1907 after the wreck of the *Valencia*.

According to *Canadian Stamp News*, Jim Phillips of stamp services of Canada Post claimed that the photo was sent to them that way by a reputable photo house, 'First Light', who have since apologized and corrected the image. Senator Pat Carney has been petitioning to get all Canadian lighthouses declared heritage sites. The senator was quoted as saying, "We are fighting to preserve our maritime history and it does not help to misrepresent it." I wonder if it is because of the Senator's disgruntlement that Canada Post will be correcting the stamp in question. The corrected version will be available with the release of the second half of the print run along with the release of the thirty stamp booklet, which may not be introduced by May 1st as previously announced. The cost of correcting the error will be about \$10,000 which is believed to be far less than the cost of a recall.

My question is, is the production of the original stamp an error or perhaps an error in judgment?

Here is a quotation from Canada Post's magazine *Details*, describing the creative influences of this series of stamps;

"One of the first steps in the creation of these stamps was weeks of intensive photo research by Toronto's Gottschalk+ Ash International. 'While the main focus was on the lighthouses, the environment surrounding them played a very important role. A great deal of careful planning went into what geographical and architectural features were present in each image,' explains designer Michael Kirlew. After the photographs were selected, a number of fine details and elements were enhanced to breathe life into the resulting five stamps." The point is that they didn't just go and take a quick snap of the lighthouse and slap a picture of the flag on it. The finished product should be a pleasingly balanced composition of various elements. The designers and photographers would have considered such elements as: light and shadow, colour intensity, angle of view, physical elements that distinguish the lighthouses and their locations from each other, cloud formations and a prime consideration for this format is the location of the flag. I am wondering how this 'mistake' is going to be fixed. Every image in this series of flags over landscapes has the flag flapping on the upper left hand side. If the entire image is inverted, even though our flag is symmetrical, it will appear backwards. Our eyes have been trained to read flags from left to right. Go look at the American flag or a flag that has lettering on it and look at it from right to left. It doesn't work, does it? So, if we keep the flag where it is and invert the rest of the image, now you've got the flag slapping out the lighthouse. That's no better. Maybe they

will shrink the image so small that the lighthouse can be seen to stand under the flag, (once you get your magnifying glass out to discover that it is the lighthouse!) Well, I guess they might go with the first option, but if they do, I wonder how many people are going to grumble about the backwards flag.



I suggest that the Pachena Point stamp is not an error and that it is an example of what is called 'using artistic license'. Each of the stamps is a lovely little landscape that shows a distinct lighthouse with its distinct landscape sporting the Canadian flag in a position of honour. Perhaps the error was in not informing Canada Post and Pat Carney about liberties taken in order to have good composition.

Here is a mirror image of the Pachena Point stamp. Let me know what you think.

From the Editor...

Hello everybody. January seems to be the longest and dreariest month of the year but it's gone by as quick as a flash this year. February is here and Wiarton Willie has had his day. We held our general elections at the last meeting in our laid back fashion and the same suspects are up to the same tricks. If you want my job just let me know.

We also had the Royal circuit books to peruse in January. A number of comments came up regarding the circuit books that I found interesting. Apparently we need members to spend about \$250 from the books in order to break even with the cost of bringing them in. It costs \$30-\$40 to ship them up here and back again. When the club
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purchases \$250 worth, the Royal chips in for part of the shipping costs, enough that at least the endeavour has not incurred costs to our club. Sometimes people have complained that in the circuit books there are some stamps with tears or other damage that has not been mentioned in the listing. Rose Anne mentioned that she considers stamps with the catalogue number penciled in on the back to be damaged. I found that quite interesting. Although it can make it easy to catalogue the stamp, I find the numbering irritating too. Sometimes the numbers are incorrect or from an unfamiliar catalogue. Even if the number is right, I just can't imagine actually writing on them. Despite my feelings, it seems to me that a lot of people must do this as I certainly have some marked stamps. I don't suppose you're going to find marked stamps listed as damaged if the person who put them in the books thinks that there is nothing wrong with the procedure. Remember to check the stamp thoroughly and if you don't like it, don't buy it.

Another point that came up about the books was that many of them were virtually empty. Perhaps it was due to the time of year, I don't know, but if problems continue perhaps we should include our comments with the returned books. I am sure the members of the Royal would prefer to distribute a high quality product.

As Alan mentioned, we are looking for a new place to have our annual show. Not only that, but we may need a new place for our meetings. The church has decided to raise our

rent. There is hope that someone can sweet talk them out of it, we'll see what happens at this meeting.

Bring your 'one page challenge' featuring Art on stamps to this meeting. Don't forget John Cortan is bringing bonus prizes.

Marion Ace...the editor

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The Owen Sound Stamp Club meets at 7:00 pm on the third Wednesday of each month in the basement of St. George's Anglican Church (corner of 10th St. E. and 4th Ave. E.). The main business of the evening is typically to trade, buy and sell stamps and philatelic material. An Auction is often held at 8:00 pm.

There are presently about 20 active members whose interests cover just about everything at all levels, from beginner to expert.

New members are always most welcome.

Annual membership fees: Full-\$10; Family-\$15; Junior- Free

Members and guests also contribute \$1 at each meeting which is passed directly to St. George's Church in appreciation for allowing us to use their room.

The OSSC Newsletter is distributed to all members. Opinions expressed in the newsletter are expressly those of the individual author.

Contributions to the newsletter are most welcome. Please submit any news, information, opinions or announcements to the editor.

OSSC Library:

Books in the library are available for loan to any member (but please return at the next meeting).

Present holdings include:

Postage Stamp Catalogue – Scott (2000)

Catalogue of Canadian Stamps – Unitrade (2000)

Concise Catalogue of Great Britain Stamps – Stanley Gibbons (2004)

Catalogue of Canadian Stamps & Supplies – CWS (2005)

Canadian Errors, Freaks & Oddities – Darnel

The Edward VII Issue of Canada by G. C. Marler (Nat. Postal Museum, 1975)

The Admiral Issue of Canada by C.C. Marler

Canadian Fancy Cancellations of the Nineteenth Century

Numerous journals (still only partly sorted) including:

The Canadian Philatelist (RSPC); Scott's Monthly; Topical Times (Journal of the American Topical Assoc.); and Details (Canada Post)

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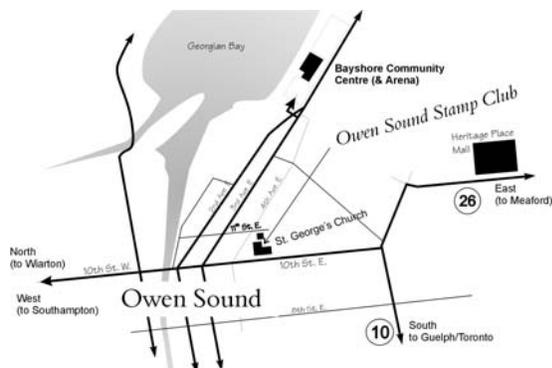
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