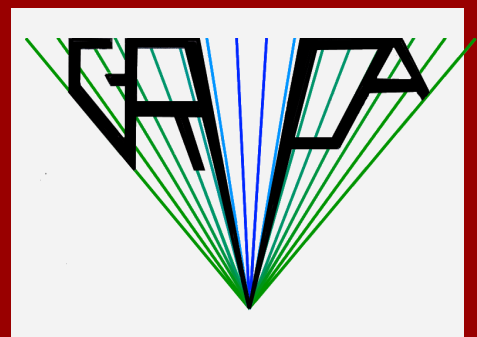


# Grand News

The Journal of the Grand River Valley Philatelic Association



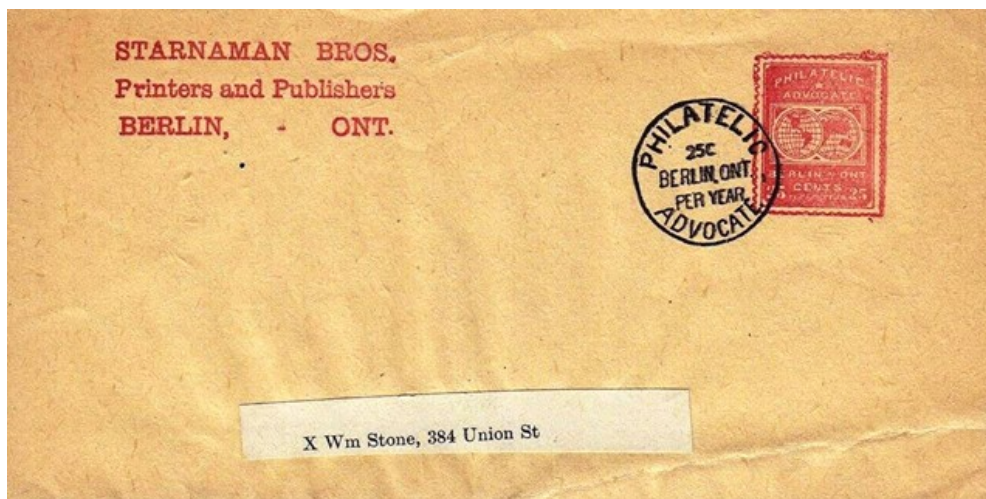
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## Cover Story - Philatelic Advocate from Berlin, Ontario: 19<sup>th</sup> Century Canadiana

by Dr John K. Curtis FRPSL and Sheila Mackenzie

An intriguing wrapper sent within Berlin, Ontario (now Kitchener) was sold in June 2020 on eBay for USD32.00 with four bidders. The wrapper is unusual in many respects. There is a private indicium printed on the wrapper in purple for the *Philatelic Advocate*. The indicium is printed with artificial perforations to resemble a postage stamp. There are two im-



Example sold eBay June 2020 USD32

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## The 1939 Royal Visit 2¢ Commemorative Stamp - The Steps of the War Memorial

By Joe Trauzzi

In May and June of 1939, the King and Queen visited Canada. It was the first time our ruling monarchs visited. To help commemorate the visit, the Post Office issued three stamps: a 1¢ of Princess Elizabeth and Princess Margaret Rose in green, a 2¢ portrait of the National War Memorial in brown

and a 3¢ of King George VI and Queen Elizabeth in carmine.

All three stamps were printed using two different plates, the first time in Canada two different plates were used to produce bi-coloured stamps. This was the second time bicol-

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## From the Grand River Valley Philatelic Association:

### From the Editor:

First, a quick “Thank you” to all my contributors. Please send more!

As we approach Autumn amid talk of a second wave, it seems clear to me that we will not be able to gather in person for the foreseeable future. But, this doesn't mean that we should abandon our hobby! eBay, other auction sites and probably your local dealer – along with the mail and courier services – are still operating. Catalogues and newsletters are still being published and distributed. And more and more, people are finding other ways to connect.

Has your club or organization looked into online meetings? Our condominium's AGM was held a week ago – online! I actually found it more pleasant than usual, especially as we were able to avoid the crush at the elevators, afterwards! So much nicer to turn off the computer and stroll into the living room...

If you haven't looked into online meetings, why not? Are you interested, but feel that you aren't really in a position to do anything? Consider this: does the initiative have to come from the executive? Why couldn't anyone with some spare time on their hands look into available options and watch some videos to learn how to run an online meeting, then approach the executive with an offer to get things started?

Or, have you looked into it already, and determined that it isn't feasible? If not, why not?

I've heard that some clubs are planning a reduction or break in their dues because they haven't had to pay for meeting sites, so they think Zoom meetings are beyond their resources.

GTAPA managed to pull off an organization-wide Zoom meeting on August 26<sup>th</sup>. Could we pool our knowledge and resources within the GRVPA and do something similar?

If you have looked into this, please let me know: what did you decide, and why? And, if you'd be willing to run things, but are running into roadblocks with your own club, let me know that, too! I'll see about putting you in touch with someone who can pool our resources!

KWPS – I am very eager to hear the conclusion of your proposed first meeting!

Just a quick reminder, The Grand News is now accepting Classified ads! For \$5, I will include up to 250 characters for 5 issues, or until you tell me to pull the ad, whichever comes first. (I would also be pleased to pass along any encouraging words anyone would like to share with the rest of our community, or birthday or holiday greetings – free of charge!)

**Due to the lack of content, monthly calendars will not be included in this issue.**

**Please have reports and contributions for the November / December / January issue to me by October 23, 2020.**

Please remember to send any updates for the Grand River Valley Philatelic Association website to Joe Trauzzi at [jtrauzzi@yahoo.ca](mailto:jtrauzzi@yahoo.ca).

In Service,  
Wendi Trauzzi,  
Editor, Grand News



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ages of the globe depicted within a double rectangle and beneath is the wording BERLIN ONT and 25 CENTS 25 and unreadable wording beneath which requires inspection of the actual wrapper but might be per year. The postmark was added at the publisher's premises and not at the post office. There is no date in the postmark. A search of the internet revealed that two other copies had been sold by Vance Auctions. A comparison of the two items reveals a slight difference in the positioning of the postmark and that therefore it was not pre-printed but was a handstamp applied to each wrapper.

A postcard from the Starnaman Bros. dated JY 12 99 to Peterboro (sic) states that the *Philatelic Advocate* was Canada's oldest stamp paper.

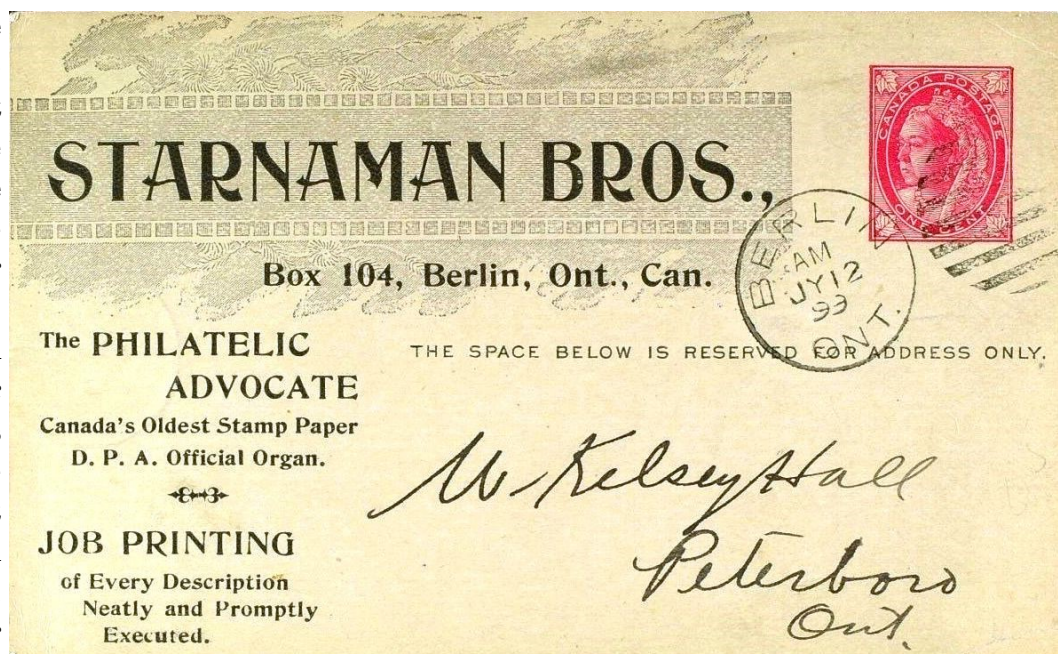
### Starnaman Bros.

Starnaman Bros. were printers in Berlin, Ontario from 1896 until at least 1903. There were two brothers: George Washington (1880-1943) and Walter Alonzo (1875-1938). They published and printed *The Philatelic Advocate* and there is record that this publication existed at least in 1898 and 1899 when they were quite young, George 18 and Walter 23. Their printing business was located in their father's picture

framing shop at 29 King Street East in Berlin. By 1911 George was listed as a piano tuner while Walter continued working for his father and upon his father's death in August 1912, he took over the business.

### The Philatelic Advocate

This short-lived periodical was published in Berlin, Ontario. Volume 1 appeared September, 1896 and it ran to volume 11 #3 in September, 1901 when it was then absorbed by *Canada Stamp Sheet and Energy*. Amazon advertises Vol. 7 July 1899 of *The Philatelic Advocate* as a classic reprint being part of their Forgotten Books series. It notes an excerpt from this magazine: "Stamp papers and Youth's Companion, 92-99, to exchange for stamps. Approval sheets..." The 25c annual subscription fee appears reasonable. The postage rate for transient newspapers



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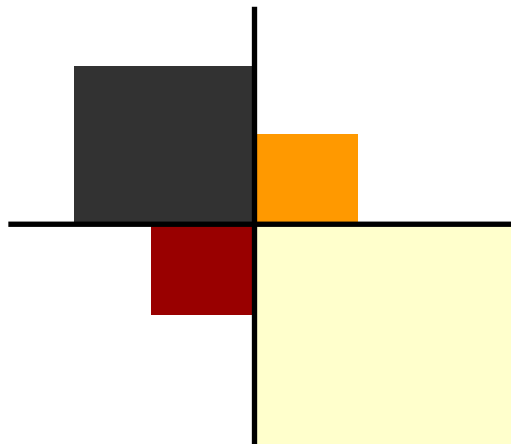


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and periodicals was 1c per 4 oz. In addition, there were paper and printing costs. The brothers undoubtedly made their money in this venture from advertising revenue.

### The Starnaman Premises

The shop was located in the heart of present-day Kitchener. The 1907 *Twin-City Directory and Official Guide of the towns of Berlin and Waterloo* shows the picture framing business; it would seem that by 1907 any traces of the publishing and printing side of the business had disappeared.





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## Excerpts From My Collections

by Ingo Nessel

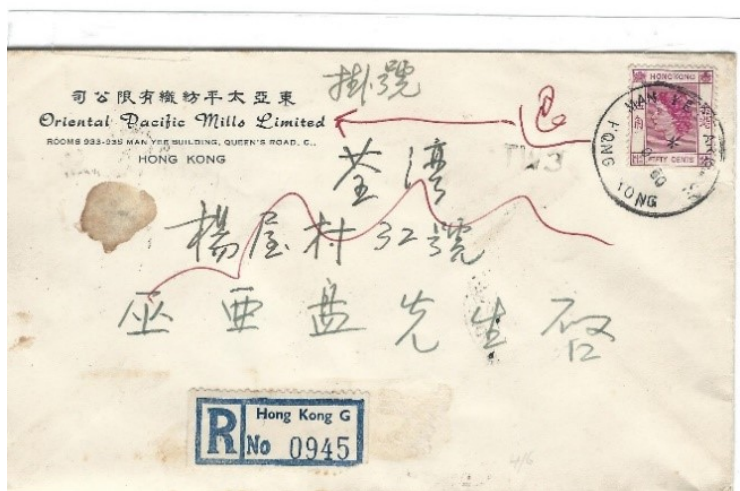
Here are some random goodies from my collections:

(Below) Two local Hong Kong covers dated 1960 from the branch post office "Man Yee Arcade." The skeleton style cancel was a temporary one used in the early days when the office first opened in September 1960.



A scarce commercial use of the 17c special delivery express stamp in combination with the 8c peace issue farm scene mailed to England in 1948.

Although these divergent images of covers are messy and not particularly clean, in postal history ugly can be beautiful! They are examples of recent postal history that many of us relate to as letters posted in our (or our parents') lifetime, yet their markings and frankings make them valuable, at least to this collector.





## What's Up In...

Reports included from the following clubs:

X	Bramalea Stamp Club	X	Kitchener-Waterloo Philatelic Society
X	Brantford Stamp Club	X	Owen Sound Stamp Club
X	Burlington Stamp Club		Oxford Philatelic Society
X	Cambridge Stamp Club	X	St. Catharines Stamp Club
	Guelph Stamp Club	X	Saugeen Stamp Club
X	Hamilton Stamp Club	X	Stratford Stamp Club
	Kincardine Stamp Club	X	Waterloo Region Stamp Club
	Kitchener Waterloo Cambridge Reg. Post Card Club		

### Bramalea Stamp Club

Information: Bob Thorne 905-792-3526 or Email [bobthorne70@gmail.com](mailto:bobthorne70@gmail.com)

Website: [bramaleastampclub.org](http://bramaleastampclub.org) or check our Facebook page under Bramalea Stamp Club.

**Bramalea meetings continue to be cancelled due to COVID-19 until further notice. We await word from our landlord, the City of Brampton, on meeting room availability.**

How quickly things have changed, making us nostalgic about what we considered to be normal! In preparing this report, I reviewed the one from August 2019:

“The stamp show season is almost upon us. Many regional shows of GRVPA members and some National ones such as CANPEX in London, are coming soon. Why not take a drive to a show in Southwestern Ontario? The weather is still nice, you can explore the countryside and best of all you can find new stamps and covers for your collection, meet new dealers, renew old acquaintances, and get ideas for exhibits . . .” How quaint.

But, much as we pine for the camaraderie of physical gatherings, we are only permitted to get together in much smaller groups, and many are still staying away from any crowds out of an abundance of caution. So thank goodness for the internet and attendant technology. We can join virtual meetings by Zoom, we can shop online at many dealers and auction sites, we can foster fellowship on social media like Instagram and Facebook. On those platforms, it looks like stamp collecting has grown a new, younger audience. There, we can encourage beginners, share friendly advice, and let them know how great our hobby is to keep the momentum going. So, maybe all this deprivation will turn out to be a boon for philately!

And, we continue to hope for a return to physical meetings - maybe sometime next year?

**Ingo Nessel**

(If you haven't seen it, take a look at some of Ingo's favourites on page 4 - Ed.)

### Brantford Stamp Club

Hi, all! At this juncture we don't know if we will be allowed back into the school where we meet. Accordingly, we have not made any plans going forward. Once we know what lies ahead, we will be in touch.

**Ed Kimberley**

### Burlington Stamp Club

No news at this time. It seems the organization of stamp collecting is at a standstill.

**Norm Macneall**

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### Cambridge Stamp Club

The Cambridge Club has made the difficult decision to cancel our intended show on September 19, as the current situation still makes it impossible to put on a show in the way we are used to... We expect that other clubs will be faced with similar decisions in the near future.

Instead, we are already we are planning for our 2021 show!

Our club is looking forward to the resumption of meetings. Normally, we shut down for the summer and start back up again in September. Our meeting venue is not yet open, so we are targeting resumption of meetings in time for October 1. We are definitely looking forward to being able to meet in person again, and catching some up some things that did not get done over the spring including club elections, etc.

**Steve Klages, club secretary**

### Guelph Stamp Club

### Hamilton Stamp Club

The Hamilton Stamp Club has decided to Cancel all Meetings till the end of 2020 including our Fall Show. Thank You!

**President of the Hamilton Stamp Club, Charles Morreale**

### Kincardine Stamp Club

### Kitchener Waterloo Cambridge Regional Post Card Club

### Kitchener-Waterloo Philatelic Society

KW PHILATELIC: AUGUST 13, 2020

We trust that this issue of the Grand News finds everyone coping with the ongoing shutdown. The last five months have been difficult indeed. The challenge has been made worse by the constant sense of uncertainty.

Using the Zoom platform, the directors of the KW Philatelic met in August to consider the prospects for the fall. The COVID crisis has of course rendered tentative, any discussion of a resumption of activity. At present, the Executive is still awaiting news regarding the re-opening of our traditional venue, the McCormick Arena, Waterloo. However, it was decided that the first in-person monthly gathering will feature an open discussion forum centering upon the theme, "COVID vs Stamps: Who Won?"

If the venue is available, this meeting is scheduled for Thursday, September 10, 2020, 7:00 p.m. The Executive also decided that current members of the KW Philatelic will receive an extension of their membership into the next year (2021). In other words, dues for current members will not be collected this fall.

Plans for the 85<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Dinner proceeded apace. The event will be held as a luncheon gathering at the Charcoal Steakhouse, 2980 King St E, Kitchener, ON, Saturday, December 12, 2020, 11:30 a.m. Tickets will be \$40 per person. Unfortunately, due to social distancing requirements availability will be limited to 40 participants.

At this time, we wish everyone the best for the beginning of fall. In the words of an old song, and in high hopes, we say, "see you in September."

**Olaf**

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### Owen Sound Stamp Club

Hello Wendi and all Readers

Things here at the Owen Sound Stamp Club, is about the same as everyone else in the membership. No meetings being held, and no shows to attend. But one thing about it we are not alone, a lot of other groups are idle as well. It's a great time to look over our collections, even if it's just to help keep from pulling the hair out!

Take care, stay healthy, and stay safe

**John C. Lemon, President, Owen Sound Stamp Club**

### Oxford Philatelic Society

### Saugeen Stamp Club

"No News"

### St. Catharines Stamp Club

The Club does not know when a start-up will be possible. Once a date has been established members will be notified via email (or phone if needed).

Here is what is proposed for our first meeting back:

- A social event with coffee etc.
- An up-date on the project of one stamp per entity that has issued one or more stamps for postal purposes. We'll determine what we have

And what we are still looking for.

- Can we have a 'monster' Auction? AS a reporter I'm betting Stuart may have 50 lots and if that is the case 150 is attainable.
- 5 cent box, 10 cent box, 20 cent box available.
- The Circuit payout amounts that were not mailed will be available, new sheets needed but there should be 50+ new sheets in the circuit already.

One request: If you need supplies contact our dealer (Ed. Y.) to arrange for delivery at the 1<sup>st</sup> meeting. (If you don't have a contact phone number call Stuart).

The Club still needs a Circuit Manager. This is not a hugely time-consuming job and gives the manager first crack at all new stamps coming in. Stuart will train.

At the first meeting a schedule will be determined.

Work is underway to refresh our website.

Thanks!

**David Pitcher**

### Stratford Stamp Club

At time of writing, the church where the club meets has a committee exploring the protocols of how community groups can safely meet. There will definitely be no meeting In September.

People in the community have been dropping off stamp collections (cleaning house), so members will have much to look through when we meet again in the future!

**Ronald Holm, Stratford Stamp Club**

### Waterloo Region Stamp Club

In this era of COVID-19, we are experiencing many challenges. Nonetheless, we remain hopeful that the club can host a successful stamp show in late November. Please watch for more information about STAMPFUN 2020 in the next issue of the Grand News (due out late October / early November). Also, we will provide more details for STAMPFUN 2020 on our website, [www.waterlooregionstampclub.weebly.com](http://www.waterlooregionstampclub.weebly.com), as the November date approaches. Feeling creative? Remember the cover design contest sponsored by the Canadian Stamp News.

Visit [canadianstampnews.com/2020covercontest](http://canadianstampnews.com/2020covercontest) to learn more about this opportunity. All entries must be post-marked by September 25, 2020. Best wishes to all.

**Robert Hadley, Reporter**



## Who, When & Where

A listing of contact information, as well as meeting times and locations, for our member clubs.

### Bramalea Stamp Club

Meets the 1<sup>st</sup> **Sunday** (from 2 to 4 pm), October to June and the 3<sup>rd</sup> **Tuesday** (from 7 to 9 pm) year round at Terry Miller Recreation Complex, Williams Parkway (between Dixie Rd and Bramalea Rd.) Brampton. Visitors cordially welcome. Information: Bob Thorne 905-792-3526 or Email [bobthorne70@gmail.com](mailto:bobthorne70@gmail.com)

Website: [bramaleastampclub.org](http://bramaleastampclub.org) or check our Facebook page under Bramalea Stamp Club.

### Brantford Stamp Club

Sept. to Nov. and January to May: 1st & 3rd Tuesday of each month / June & December - 1st Tuesday only Branlyn Community Centre (phone (519) 758-1444), 238 Brantwood Park Road, Brantford. Access to the facility is via the east (on the left when facing the facility) end around the back. (doors open at 7:00 pm, meeting begins at 8:00) Web: <http://brantfordstampclub.com/> / Contact: Paul James (519-751-3513) [pamjames1027@execulink.com](mailto:pamjames1027@execulink.com)

### Burlington Stamp Club

September to June: 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of each month (7:00 pm). Burlington Seniors Centre, 2285 New St. (off Teen Tour Way), Burlington ON. Contact: Norm Macneall (905-336-8685) [macneall@cogeco.ca](mailto:macneall@cogeco.ca)

### Cambridge Stamp Club

November to June: 1st Thursday of the month, 7:00 to 9:00 / No meetings in July & August, St. Luke's United Church, 1620 Franklin Boulevard. <https://cambridgestampclub.weebly.com/> / Contact: Steve Klages [klagesss@gmail.com](mailto:klagesss@gmail.com)

### Guelph Stamp Club

September to May: 1st & 3rd Wednesday of the month, 6:30 / June to July: 1st Wednesday of the month only Dublin Street United Church, 68 Suffolk St. W. (at Dublin St.) / Contact: Joe Servos (519-823-2578) [jservos@bserv.com](mailto:jservos@bserv.com) / [guelphstampclub@gmail.com](mailto:guelphstampclub@gmail.com)

### Hamilton Stamp Club

September to June: 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Monday (6:30 to about 8:30 pm). Bishop Ryan Catholic Secondary School, 1824 Ry-mal Road East, Hamilton <https://hamiltonstampclub.ca/> Contact: Charles Morreale - [cmorreale@teksavvy.com](mailto:cmorreale@teksavvy.com) - 905-664-2066

### Kincardine Stamp Club

Jan. - Dec., 1st Wed. (7:00 pm), Davidson Center (Billiards room), 601 Durham St., Kincardine

### Kitchener Waterloo Cambridge Regional Post Card Club

Victoria Park Pavilion, 80 Schneider Street, Kitchener, ON. See website for meeting info: [www.kwcrpcc.com](http://www.kwcrpcc.com)

Contact: [rychmills@golden.net](mailto:rychmills@golden.net) / 519 742-4990

### Kitchener Waterloo Philatelic Society

The Kitchener-Waterloo Philatelic Society meetings are *usually* the 2nd Thursday of the month in the evening from 7 until 9 p.m. in the Community Room at Albert McCormick Arena in Waterloo. **To make attendance easier in the winter we are experimenting with afternoon meetings.** Therefore, the January meeting is now 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. Sunday January 12 and the February meeting is Sunday February 16 also from 2 until 4:00 p.m..

Thanks. <https://www.kwstampclub.org/>

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### Owen Sound Stamp Club

September to June: 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month (7:00pm to 9:00 pm). St. Mary's High School, Hillyer hall (student lunchroom), 555 15<sup>th</sup> Street East, Owen Sound, ON <http://www.owensoundstampclub.org/>

### Oxford Philatelic Society

September to May: 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of the month. South Gate Centre, 191 Old Wellington Street South, Woodstock ON <http://www.oxfordphilsoc.com/>

### Saugeen Stamp Club

January to December: 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of the month (7:30 pm) St. Matthews Evangelical Lutheran Church, 356 9<sup>th</sup> Street, Hanover ON. Entrance to the meeting located in the northeast corner of the church complex on 11<sup>th</sup> Avenue. The club's welcome sign will be at the sidewalk. <http://saugeenstampclub.webplus.net/>

### St. Catharines Stamp Club

September to June: 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month (6:45 pm to 8:45 pm). Grantham Lion's Club, 732 Niagara Street, St. Catharines ON / <http://stcatharinesstampclub.ca/>

### Stratford Stamp Club

September to June: 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of the month (except December) 7:00 pm. at Avondale United Church, 194 Avondale Ave., Stratford N5A 6N4

### Waterloo Region Stamp Club

September to June: 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of the month (6:30 pm to 8:30 pm) at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Elizabeth Room (usually – check the TV monitor near the door to be sure), 54 Queen Street North, Kitchener ON

<https://waterlooregionstampclub.weebly.com/>



## Upcoming Events

**As many upcoming events are being impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic, you are urged to check with organizers before travelling to any shows in the next couple of months.**

### Cambridge Club Show

September 19, 2020 – cancelled

### STAMPFUN 2020

Waterloo Region – late November, 2020

See [www.waterlooregionstampclub.weebly.com](http://www.waterlooregionstampclub.weebly.com) for more details.

### Oxford Philatelic Society's 2021 Exhibition & Bourse

March 20, 2021 – see ad for details

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## Classifieds

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## The 1939 Royal Visit 2¢ Commemorative Stamp - The Steps of the War Memorial By Joe Trauzzi (from page 1)

oured stamps were issued by the Canadian Post Office. The first was the 1898 Map Stamp, but it used only one plate.

### The Monument <sup>1)</sup>



The National War Memorial was chosen in January of 1926 after a worldwide design competition, the winner was Vernon March of England. Vernon's theme was,

*"the Great Response of Canada," represented by uniformed figures from all services passing through a granite arch. The idea, March wrote, was "to perpetuate in this bronze group the people of Canada who went Overseas to the Great War, and to represent them, as we of today saw them, as a record for future generations..." There was to be no suggestion of glorifying war."* <sup>2</sup>

Unfortunately, Vernon March passed away in 1930. However, the monument was completed on October 19, 1938 by his six brothers and sister.

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## The 1939 Royal Visit 2¢ Commemorative Stamp - The Steps of the War Memorial By Joe Trauzzi

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The official name of the monument was the National Memorial, but Donald Leblanc reported an interesting story on how the name National War Memorial came to be:

*One concern for the P.O. Dept. was to acquire the exact name of the monument. They sent out inquiries to all departments, both federal and municipal (Ex: Ottawa Parks and Recreation Dept.) to be certain that they had the correct name to be added to the stamp. They were assured that the official name would be "The National Memorial." ... "However, as luck would have it, politicians have their own agenda. At the ribbon cutting ceremony, in the presence of King George VI, the politicians referred to it as the National War Memorial and the name has stuck." <sup>3</sup>*

The monument was officially unveiled and dedicated by King George VI on May 21, 1939 with an estimated 100 000 people gathered to witness the ceremony. You can watch video clip of King George VI in Ottawa at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Wx9f5fTvdOA> with the War Memorial ceremony starting at the 2:32 mark. You can also listen to the Kings full speech at the dedication at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=o5M5lSE3J2s>

It has been updated several times, including:

- In 1982 the memorial was rededicated to include the dates of the Second World War 1939-1945 and the Korean War 1950-1953;
- In 2000, the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier was added, with the bones of an unknown soldier from a Vimy Ridge cemetery;
- In 2014, the dates of the South African War of 1899-1902 and the Afghanistan War of 2001-2014 were added;
- In 2016, the monument was restored by removing and replacing the concrete slab, replacing and repairing damaged pavers, adding a waterproof membrane and ensuring proper drainage, cleaning and repairing the cenotaph masonry and cleaning all bronze statues and re-waxing them with a new protective coating. <sup>4</sup>

### The Stamp

50,244,000 stamps were issued, with the official first day release on May 15, 1939. The stamp was based on a photo by Marcus Adams of the National War Memorial designed by Vernon Match. The stamp was designed by Herman Herbert Schwartz and engraved by Joseph Killer, who engraved the black War Memorial centre and Walter Rosch who engraved the brown outside frame. They were printed by the Canadian Bank Note Company.



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## The 1939 Royal Visit 2¢ Commemorative Stamp - The Steps of the War Memorial By Joe Trauzzi

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There is a lot of material available to collect, including: <sup>5</sup>

- Shade, Paper and Gum varieties;
- Plate block with corner inscriptions (12 combinations for the 2¢);
- Re-entries;
- Colour shifts;
- Imperforates;
- Essays and Proofs ;
- OMHS Perfins;
- First Day Covers and Cachets;
- Postal History;
- Cancels.

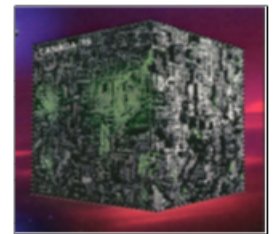
If **shades, paper and gum** varieties interest you, you can gather some basic information at <http://canadianphilately.blogspot.com/2017/02/the-1937-coronation-and-1939-royal.html> The author shows three shades of the brown frame, discusses the different pa-

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pers he has seen including soft wove paper with vertical mesh and crisp wove paper without mesh, and shows six types of gums.

There are position dots **varieties** on the 2¢ as well as markings in the selvage. Ralph Trimble shows a re-entry on the War memorial steps on his website at [https://www.re-entries.com/post\\_medallions.html](https://www.re-entries.com/post_medallions.html)

**Essays, Proofs, Vignettes and Die proofs** all exist but are fairly hard to find. For more information on essays and proofs see <http://www.bnaproofs.com/can-royalvisit.html>

### Plate Blocks



For the 2¢ Nation Memorial stamp there are **3 brown plates of the frame** and **2 centre black plates** of the monument for a total of 12 combinations.

Left - block is from brown frame plate #2 and the black centre plate #1. All the National Memorial inscription blocks are common.

Right - there are four known imperforate inscription blocks, plates 2-2 upper right, 2-2 lower right, 1-2 lower left and 2-2 lower left. My copy is



plates 2-2 LR.

### Colour Shifts

One of the more fun, and inexpensive collections, can be a colour shift study. These can be easily identified by looking at the monument stairs. I based my study on the right side of the monument and looking how many 'steps' are white.



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The stamp on the left has one white step and the stamp on the right has five white steps.

I sorted 887 stamps and had the following breakdown:

I then examined 41 plate blocks to see if there was a simple vertical shift. What I found surprised me. Within a single block, some steps shifted vertically, some horizontally and some both vertically and horizontally. Below is my spreadsheet of each block.

UL – upper left, UR – upper right, LL – lower left, LR – lower right

So, the block 1-1 LR is the lower right inscription block from the frame plate 1 and portrait plate 1. The stamp positions column is where in the block the stamp is located. The number beside the location is the number of steps.

0 steps	1.4%
1 step	2.2%
2 steps	8.5%
3 steps	14.9%
4 steps	22.0%
5 steps	23.7%
6 steps	17.2%
7 steps	6.7%
8 steps	3.3%
9 steps	0.23%

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## National Memorial - Plate Blocks

<b>Blocks (plates 1-1)</b>	<b>Stamp Position</b>		<b>Blocks (plates 2-1)</b>	<b>Stamp Position</b>		<b>Blocks (plates 3-1)</b>	<b>Stamp Position</b>	
LR	UL - 4	UR - 4	UL	UL - 0	UR - 0	UL	UL - 3	UR - 3
	LL - 4	LR - 4		LL - 0	LR - 0		LL - 3	LR - 3
UR	UL - 2	UR - 2	UL	UL - 1	UR - 1	UR	UL - 3	UR - 3
	LL - 2	LR - 3		LL - 2	LR - 1		LL - 3	LR - 3
LL	UL - 3	UR - 4	UR	UL - 1	UR - 1	LL	UL - 2	UR - 2
	LL - 3	LR - 4		LL - 2	LR - 2		LL - 3	LR - 3
UL	UL - 4	UR - 4	UR	UL - 1	UR - 1	LR	UL - 4	UR - 5
	LL - 4	LR - 4		LL - 2	LR - 1		LL - 5	LR - 6
UR	UL - 6	UR - 7	LL	UL - 5	UR - 5			
	LL - 6	LR - 7		LL - 5	LR - 5	<b>Blocks (plates 3-2)</b>	<b>Stamp Position</b>	
LL	UL - 1	UR - 1	LR	UL - 5	UR - 5	UL	UL - 5	UR - 5
	LL - 1	LR - 2		LL - 5	LR - 5		LL - 5	LR - 5
LR	UL - 4	UR - 3				UR	UL - 3	UR - 2
	LL - 4	LR - 4	<b>Blocks (plates 2-2)</b>	<b>Stamp Position</b>			LL - 3	LR - 3
			UR	UL - 6	UR - 5	LL	UL - 5	UR - 5
<b>Blocks (plates 1-2)</b>	<b>Stamp Position</b>			LL - 6	LR - 6		LL - 5	LR - 5
UL	UL - 7	UR - 7	LR	UL - 4	UR - 5	LR	UL - 4	UR - 5
	LL - 7	LR - 8		LL - 4	LR - 4		LL - 5	LR - 5
UR	UL - 6	UR - 5	UR	UL - 4	UR - 3			
	LL - 6	LR - 5		LL - 4	LR - 4			
LL	UL - 3	UR - 3	UL	UL - 3	UR - 4			
	LL - 3	LR - 3		LL - 5	LR - 5			
LR	UL - 4	UR - 4	LL	UL - 6	UR - 6			
	LL - 4	LR - 4		LL - 6	LR - 6			
LR	UL - 3	UR - 4	UL	UL - 6	UR - 6			
	LL - 3	LR - 4		LL - 7	LR - 7			
UR	UL - 1	UR - 1	UR	UL - 4	UR - 3			
	LL - 0	LR - 0		LL - 4	LR - 4			
UL	UL - 5	UR - 5	LL	UL - 4	UR - 4			
	LL - 6	LR - 6		LL - 3	LR - 3			
UR	UL - 2	UR - 1	LR	UL - 6	UR - 6			
	LL - 2	LR - 1		LL - 6	LR - 6			
UL	UL - 3	UR - 3						
	LL - 3	LR - 4						

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LL	UL - 6	UR - 6
	LL - 6	LR - 6
UR	UL - 0	UR - 0
	LL - 0	LR - 0

Here is an example of the upper left corner of plates 2-2.

It is hard to see, but the upper left stamp has 3 steps, the upper right stamp has 4 steps and the bottom two stamps have 5 steps.

Normally, when a shift occurs it is because the plate was secured in a slightly different location on the press. You would expect the shift to all line up higher, lower or to the right or left. They don't!

**OHMS Perfins** are rare and nearly impossible to find used on cover. I have seen only one example.



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Another popular collecting area of the Royal Visit issue is **first day covers with unique cachets**. There are over 200 different cachets and I have heard a rumour that there will be an upcoming BNA book on this topic.

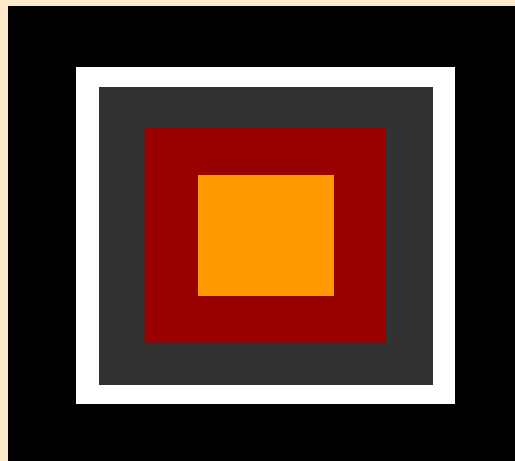
The most popular **postal history** collecting is the Royal Train visit of 1939. The pilot train (which travelled ahead of the royal's train) had a post office car attached and there are examples of mail from every day of the tour - from May 15 to June 16. This includes mail from the U.S. Post office when the train was in the U.S., from June 8 to June 12.

Another fun area to collect is destination covers with Royal Visit stamps including the Empire Airmail Scheme destinations.

A simple, inexpensive stamp like the 2¢ National War Memorial Commemorative Stamp offers a huge area of study, but – unfortunately - it turns out that there are some fairly expensive items needed for a complete study!

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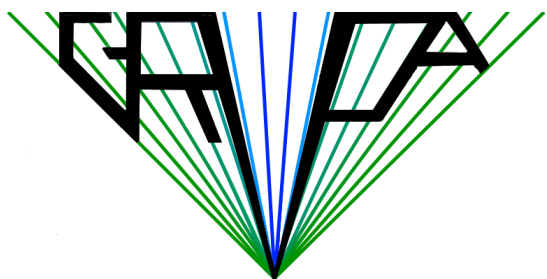
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