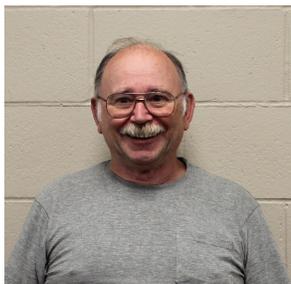


Next Meeting: Wednesday, September 19th, 2018 @ 7 PM
St Mary's High School, Hillyer Hall, 555 15th Street East, Owen Sound

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From the President



Hello everyone, hope you're all getting through this high humidity and the heat, and that your air conditioning is working well.

On the 28th of August, I attended the meeting for the GRVPA directors in Galt.

There are 2 points of interest that was brought to our attention:

1. The association is in need of a new Secretary. This position was held by Mr. Ken Magee, for the past 13 years, and Ken thinks it is time to pass it onto someone else.
2. For those who had dealings with SuperPass (formerly RJM Stamps) the ad on P4 in the latest Grand News has an error in the phone number that appears there. Please correct the number to 519-884-8480.

We will be going over what has to be done for the up and coming Stamp Show on Sept. 29th, just a few days away. Just so we know what's what. Then discuss the areas that need to be attended. Remember your one page challenge with the topic of Canadian Arts.

Our September's meeting we will be having a guest speaker, Mr. Joe Reichenbach, a retired lawyer from Walkerton. He is an active member of the Saugeen and Kincardine Stamp Clubs. He will be talking about what we can do and cannot do with our collections before we happen to pass on, he has a few ideas that might be very helpful to a lot of us, who are getting closer to that age.

We are still looking for a Vice President to be part of the Club executive, so don't be afraid to step forward or nominate someone for this position.

Again we will welcome Randy and Chris with the Club's Circuit Books for our enjoyment in helping us to fill those holes in our collections.

John C. Lemon
President
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From the Editor Phil Visser

It appears that the Fall season has arrived with possibly a few bursts of humidity over the next few weeks. With the fall season comes a return to our regular meeting place at the St Mary's High School.

Inside this months edition of the Newsletter are two articles, one on Canadian stamps and the other is the final edition to the Circuit Book Explorer. Thank you Randy for your contributions to the Newsletter and also to the Circuit Books. The Circuit Bok Explorer is a very useful tool and should anyone wish to share how the tool helped them "pick" from the books to improve their collection, please do so.

As usual, there is a report on the meeting in August as well as a listing of upcoming shows. The last page has a "soapbox" where some opinions can be shared and perhaps even lead to a debate.

A scan relating to something further in this newsletter is shown here:



Canada: The Land of Rocks, Trees and ...WATER

By Phil Visser

If anyone has really looked around where they live, they will surely see these three elements. It has been said that Canada has the biggest supply of the fresh water on the whole planet. The title of this story is based on the song written and performed by the "Arrogant Worms." This title inspired me to look at how water has been represented in the stamps produced and mailed throughout the world.

This topic will be looking at the European perspective of exploration which misses out on the First Nation's perspective. Much credit is still due to these people who served as guides and interpreters to the more well known explorers mentioned in the history books. However, the quickest way to find out about "rivers" started with a search of the Unitrade Specialized Catalogue and the handy index near the back of the catalogue. This listing showed about 70 stamps, some which are identified rivers and are common knowledge while others appear as just generic rivers. While leafing through the catalogue, several other river stamps appeared that were not in the index, some twenty by my count, but there could be more.

A beginning of the topic of water is the St. Lawrence River. Stamps that escaped the editors' of the Unitrade catalogue were #101 and 102 as part of the Quebec Tercentenary series. Other stamps that illustrate Quebec City and the St Lawrence River are #156, 174 and 201. The first official recognition this river receives is #1488, part of Canada Post's series on Heritage Rivers. This also happens to be part of the third series of four that were issued on the topic of Heritage Rivers.



Figure 4 Unitrade # 101

Number 101 shows what is now known as the "lower town," at the edge of the St. Lawrence River. The second stamp illustrates the departure of Samuel Champlain on his exploration to the West.

Both #174 and 201 shows the Quebec Citadelle. Part of the fortress was built in 1693, but its present form was built after the defeat of the American invasion of 1812. The Citadelle is the home of the

Royal 22^e Regiment, which most Canadians have nicknamed the "Vandoo's." Just to the west of the city of Quebec is the first bridge to cross the St Lawrence River, which is featured on #156. The engineering achievement was celebrated again in 1995 when a series of four stamps was issued about bridges, with the Quebec Bridge being Unitrade # 1570



Figure 5 Unitrade #201

Whether this river is recognized officially or not by Canada Post, there are several important pieces of information about this river system and watershed area. By visiting the Government of Canada website <https://www.canada.ca/en/environment-climate-change/services/st-lawrence-river.html> some key facts are revealed. This river system is the 3rd largest in North America, behind the Mississippi River and the Mackenzie River. It extends a distance of 3,260 kilometres from the Cabot Strait (between Newfoundland and Cape Breton Island) to the head of Lake Superior. The landmass that drains into the river is an area of 1.6 million square kilometres.

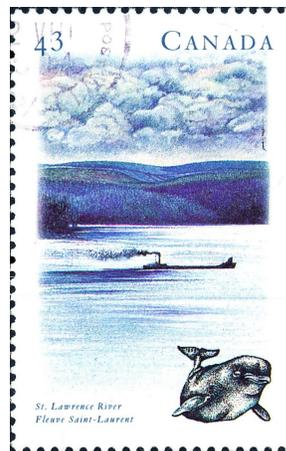


Figure 6 Unitrade #1488

Stacking that up against other worldwide river systems, the St. Lawrence is the 13th largest in the world, its annual flow is the 16th largest and the length is the 17th longest. Finally it serves the industrial heartland of North America in which some 45 million people live (between the United States and Canada). It also provided a link for the early explorers to the

Mississippi River via the Ohio and Illinois Rivers. Routes that Champlain, Hennepin and La Salle followed in their exploration of central North America.

Many tributary rivers flow into the St. Lawrence River. These additional rivers also



Figure 7 Unitrade #102

appear on Canada Post stamps. Coming from the sea, these major rivers that join in are the Saguenay River, Ottawa River, Richelieu River, Niagara River, St Mary's River and the Trent Severn Waterway which also is connected with the French River. In 1998 Canada Post issue a series of stamps of ten canals in Canada, nine of which connect to the St Lawrence River.

At the start of this story was a mention of the importance of the St Lawrence River and how it was depicted on Canadian stamps. Going through the list shows that, either directly or indirectly, the St Lawrence River is featured about six or seven times. The next instalment of Canada: The Land of Rocks, Trees and ... WATER will feature the stamps depicting tributary waterways that form a part of the massive St Lawrence River water basin.

The Circuit Book Explorer: Part 5 By Randy Rogers

In the last instalment of the Circuit Book Explorer, we took a look at the various ways Circuit Book Explorer can be used to print forms for use when creating pages for our circuit books. In this issue we will look at using Circuit Book Explorer to browse the pages of our circuit books.

To begin, select the "Circuit Books" menu option.

File Edit **Circuit Books** Countries Topics Pick List Forms Help

By clicking on the "Circuit Book" link, the following window will be displayed:

Book Number	Description	Pages	Net Value	Table of Contents
AF01	AFRICA - 01	24	\$85.45	Algeria
AS01	ASIA - 01	142	\$373.35	Angola
AU01	AUSTRALIA / OCEANIA - 01	71	\$414.70	Dahomey
AU02	AUSTRALIA / OCEANIA - 02	75	\$290.10	Kenya
CA01	CANADA - 01	125	\$1,140.10	Kenya, Uganda, Tanzania
CA02	CANADA - 02	125	\$610.55	Nigeria
CA03	CANADA - 03	126	\$529.00	Rhodesia
CA04	CANADA - 04	125	\$717.35	South Africa
CA05	CANADA - 05	126	\$528.85	Southern Rhodesia
CA06	CANADA - 06	38	\$71.50	
CA07	CANADA - 07	28	\$35.50	
CS01	CARIBBEAN, CENTRAL & SOUTH AMER	76	\$244.30	
DE01	GERMANY - 01	70	\$430.40	
DE02	GERMANY - 02	61	\$387.20	

This list contains all of the Circuit Books in the current Library. Circuit Books that contain new pages since the last update are shown in **Bold** font. As you scroll through the list, the Table of Contents on the right changes to show the

contents of the currently selected Circuit Book in the list. Click the "View" button to view the pages in the selected Circuit Book.



The Canada-03 Circuit Books has new pages. Opening this book will show any pages that are new since the last update, and are also highlighted in **BOLD**. Pages that have a scanned image are indicated with a small "image" icon.

Page No.	Country/Topic	Catalogue	Owner	Net Value
258	Canada	Scott	92	\$2.05
629	Canada	Unitrade 2009	15	\$8.00
634	Canada	Unitrade 2009	15	\$8.10
646	Canada	Unitrade 2012	7	\$1.70
647	Canada	Unitrade 2012	7	\$2.55
648	Canada	Unitrade 2012	7	\$5.00
649	Canada	Unitrade 2012	7	\$1.45
650	Canada	Unitrade 2012	7	\$1.80
651	Canada	Unitrade 2012	7	\$12.00
2605	Canada	Unitrade Canada	73	\$6.60
2606	Canada	Unitrade Canada	73	\$8.50
2609	Canada	Unitrade Canada	73	\$2.15

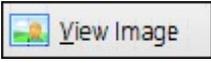
At the bottom left of the list of pages, is a drop list that can be used to change the order of the items in the list. The default is to display the pages in Page Number order as this is how they are arranged in the books. However, many of our Circuit Books contain material from different countries or topics. You can select the "Country/Topic Sort" option to sort the list into the desired order. Click on the "View" button to go to the desired page.



The "View Circuit Book Page" window displays the basic information about the selected page as well as the status of all of the items on the page. Key information at the top of the window would be the "Owner" club membership number and the "Date Page Added to Circuit Book." This feature might be used for the owner to monitor sales on the page(s).



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3	1524b	\$1.00	\$0.50		YES	Jim Molineux	7/18/2018	NO
4	1524a	\$1.00	\$0.50		NO			NO
5	1524i	\$1.00	\$0.50		NO			NO
6	1524i	\$1.00	\$0.50		YES	Dave Green	1/17/2018	YES
7	1524i	\$1.00	\$0.50		NO			NO
8	1524i	\$1.00	\$0.50		YES	Jim Molineux	7/18/2018	NO
9	1524f	\$1.00	\$0.50		YES	Dave Green	1/17/2018	YES
10		\$1.00	\$0.50		NO			NO
11	1524d	\$1.00	\$0.50		YES	Dave Green	1/17/2018	YES
12	1524d	\$1.00	\$0.50		NO			NO
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Items that have been sold and the owner has been paid for are shown in "Brown Italics" font. Items that have been sold but the owner has not been paid for are shown in a "Grey" coloured font. If the page has an available scanned image, the "View Image" button will be enabled. Press this button to  view the scanned image.

The "View Image" window displays a low resolution "thumbnail" of the page as it was initially scanned. Double-Click on the "thumbnail" with the mouse to view the image in high resolution using the image viewer program that is associated with the jpg images on your computer; e.g. "Windows Photo Viewer." Click the "Close" button when you are finished browsing the Circuit Books to close the window and return to the main menu screen.



Not very many pages have been scanned. Much like adding topics to the items on the pages, scanning the pages takes a bit of time. The other obstacle is that the scanned images are quite large and including them in the updates makes the downloading of the update longer. I need to devise some method of packaging and delivering the scanned images in a more efficient manner. As I get time I will try to scan some of the newer pages and add topics to the items.

This concludes my series of articles on the Circuit Book Explorer. I hope you have found the articles informative, the program useful, and that you are now able to take full advantage of all the features available. Your comments and feedback are always welcome.

Crane Collection

With the passing of Larry earlier this summer, his wish was to make his collection available to the club members here in Owen Sound and in Hanover at the Saugeen Club. I picked up about two thirds of the collection on Labour Day and after discussing the collection with the Club Executive, we will begin the sale process at the October meeting. The next newsletter will have a list of what will be offered at each club's auctions. There will be approximately 25 auction lots at each meeting until the collection is completely sold. The proceeds are for Mary Crane

IMMEDIATE SALE: AVAILABLE AT THIS MEETING!

A complete set of Scott Catalogues from 2013. Call me or email before the meeting with your highest bid!

August Meeting Highlights

There were 19 members present with one guest. Joe Perrone convinced/cajoled his friend to come along. The following picture is unique:



Al Roos came to the meeting and when he sat with Joe Perrone, we have the oldest club member sitting with the youngest. Al is 96 years young and Joe is 17 years old. Could this be the biggest member age spread in the area stamp clubs?

Following the opportunity to pour through the Club

Circuit Books, Joe spoke to us about a part time job he has within the philatelic field. Joe is serving as a "grader" for a stamp dealer in New Brunswick. Interestingly enough, Joe has never met his employer, they have done all their connections first through eBay and then later through email.

The dealer he is working with is Chris McFetridge. The grading system is nothing like what is shown in the opening pages of stamp catalogues but is too hard to describe in this limited space. Joe did receive questions from the floor about how was a colour variation established (what guide, Stanley Gibbons or something else) and about printing varieties.

A brief report was given by the Circuit Book dynamic duo. A lot of pages were given in at the August meeting. Chris will be bringing the club books to the Barrie Stamp Club in October. Hopefully this will lead to good sales for the members who have prepared pages for the books already and maybe more additions at this upcoming meeting.

Finally, a reminder that the Vice President position is vacant and a person is needed to back up the President. It is important to have a third person who could sign cheques in case one of the other two cannot, and on occasion fill in to lead a meeting should the President be ill or away. Please consider accepting this role for the club membership.

Upcoming Shows

SEP 21 BNAPEX 2018

September 21, 2018 to September 23, 2018
Hotel Plaza Quebec, 3031 Laurier Blvd., Quebec City, QC, G1V 2M2

British North America Philatelic Society 70th annual convention, exhibition and bourse. 160 frame BNA exhibition, 20 dealer bourse, 25 BNAPS Study Group meetings and seminars, Tour of the Citadel and old Quebec City, Dinner out and Awards Banquet.

Contact Hugo Deshayé.

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Web: <http://www.bnaps.org/bnapex2018/index.htm>

SEP 22 North Toronto Stamp Club

Fall Postage Stamp Bourse

Yorkminster Park Baptist Church, 1585 Yonge St.,

Toronto, ON, M4T 1Z9

Hours: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Easy subway access at St. Clair subway station. Free admission, 22 dealers, over 100 sales circuit books including recent issues, over 100 ten cent books, members table, door prizes (first prize one kilo of stamps) snack bar, wheelchair access, parking at the Church and on nearby streets, families and children welcome.

Phone: 647-990-4073

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Web: <http://www.northtorontostampclub.ca>

SEP 29 Owen Sound Stamp Club Show

St Mary's High School,

1555 15 St. E., Owen Sound, ON, N4K 0E2

Owen Sound Club holds their annual stamp show, including stamp dealers, exhibits and ongoing draws. For more information contact John

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OCT 27 57th Annual Barrie Stamp Exhibit and Bourse

Allandale Recreation Centre, 190 Bayview Dr.,
Barrie, ON, L4N 4Y8

12 Philatelic dealers from across Ontario. Door prize tickets. Refreshments available in Rec Centre. Free parking. Free admission. Wheelchair access. Direct Bus route transportation! Children's table. For more information contact Bruce Walter.

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Web: <http://www.barriedistrictstampclub.ca>

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November 2, 2018 to November 3, 2018

St. John de Brebeuf Secondary School, 200 Acadia Dr., Hamilton, ON, L8W 1B8

Large silent and voice auctions Friday evening with viewing starting at 5 p.m. Saturday is a 20-dealer bourse with stamps, postcards, covers and supplies, plus youth booth and silent auction from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. GRVPA clubs circuit sales books Friday and Saturday. Light food and refreshments available with ample free parking. Sponsored by the Hamilton Stamp Club.

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There are many philatelic website's to visit, but don't forget to look at your own club web site at www.owensoundstampclub.org. On the website you will find a "Links" button which can lead you to other areas. If there is something you think would improve the site, contact Randy and share your idea with him.

If anyone reads through stamp magazines, and periodicals, there will usually be a page or two dedicated to prices realized. Usually this is for the difficult to find or very rare material. Of course, for the average collector, these are just dreams and a quick realization that this is outside my financial bracket. In one sense these pages can discourage a collector, but it also lets the average collector know where to look should the lottery win arrive. (LOL)

Skipping these pages is easy and so putting this kind of information into this newsletter wasn't of interest for me. However, on occasion, a rule can be bent. This stamp recently sold on eBay for \$436.07 Canadian. I imagine that there would be tax over and above the sale price, as well as shipping. The Unitrade catalogue prices this stamp for \$800 in Fine condition and \$1600 in Very Fine condition. So it looks like a good deal for an especially nice copy of this high denomination stamp.



Although the picture quality leaves much to be desired, the centering is visible as well as the SON cancel. On the eBay listing, the stamp description was given as being mailed from Halifax in 1912. The seller went to great lengths to describe the stamp accurately. This description went further in offering a reason why this stamp was mailed in 1912, 15 years after it had been issued.

The hypotheses for the mailing date was an attempt to try to attract a higher selling price. What is subtly left in the background is the challenges of being a collector meeting a seller trying to maximize selling price by introducing "exclusivity." It can be heard within stamp clubs where someone will venture a comment (either pro or con) on the stamp being used "in period." Outside period would open the door to a lower value on the stamp or the quality of ones own collection. So the term "in period" is simply a marketing tool. But exclusivity goes beyond the term "in period." A look at the Specialized Catalogues and you can see how the specialists will find "hair lines," "dots" etc and then list them in the Catalogue at a substantial premium to the original stamp.

As a last bit of consideration, stamp collectors should return to the simple joy of collecting stamps, and if an opportunity arises, then consider the varieties that are listed in the catalogues. If fortune should smile upon you, maybe a lottery ticket will not be needed to improve the bank account. Happy collecting!