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Owen Sound Stamp Club

Newsletter

Next Club Meeting: February 19th

February 2003

As you will see on page 3, our auctioneer, Alan Charlesworth, will be going ahead with a sale at our upcoming meeting. He has put together some interesting lots, so let's hope all our readers can make it to the meeting. However, as we have been having some rather wild weather lately, Alan will be accepting phone-in bids.

Our show is coming up at the beginning of May and arrangements are proceeding according to plan. We had an excellent exhibition last year and hopefully this year's will be just as good. We have decided not to have a theme this year because most exhibitors last year had their own ideas of what they wanted to display and having a designated theme was more of a hindrance than a help. So this year, exhibitors, you are on your own – as far as subject matter is concerned, at least!

A couple of years back, we ran a series of articles in this Newsletter regarding the technical side of putting together an exhibit and I will be most happy to make these available to anyone interested.

For those of you who haven't put a display together yet, but who could be persuaded to give it a try, let me just say this:

“Go on, give it a try”!

Most of us in the OSSC are very much beginners at this and feeling our way but there is no doubt that we are making progress. I would be very surprised if any member of our club did not have the material for an interesting display of eight to sixteen pages.

Final warning!!!!

This really will have to be the last newsletter for those who have not paid their dues for 2003. If, for some strange reason, you should decide not to renew your membership, please remember that you will always be most welcome to rejoin whenever you should so wish.

Bob Watson (President)

Stamp of the Month...

Bob Watson

The Canadian \$8 Grizzly high value definitive (Scott# 1700) has been with us for over five years now and is still regarded as quite the spectacular stamp. At the time it was released, Canada Post made a point of the “many security features incorporated into the design” and went on to point out the ones noted here (if there are any I have missed, please let me know)!

The stamp itself was designed by Alain Leduc who is responsible for a number of Canadian issues including the “Series of the Century” pair also released in 1997.

It was printed by the Canadian Bank Note Company using two processes: the bear and grass are engraved and the background coloured shading and writing was lithographed.

The engraving was done by Jorge Peral whose work is apparently easy to recognise by the congnescenti. He is responsible for the banknotes of many countries as well as the Canadian \$5 and \$10 bills.



The two “lines” in the top right hand corner just below “CANADA” are actually writing. The blue shading is made up of dots shaped like the bear image.



Like the blue shading, the green is made up of little bears.



The inside of the rear right leg has been marked with an “8” by horizontal shading.

2003 will certainly be a year marking many anniversaries – especially ones that are important enough to justify a commemorative stamp.

Canada, issued its first one on January 28th when they issued a booklet of 8 stamps for 150 years of excellence in teaching and classes of limited size at **Bishop's University** in Lennoxville, Quebec. This college was founded in 1843 under the sponsorship of the Anglican Bishop of Quebec. It was in 1891 when Bishop's University became the first University in Quebec to grant a medical degree to a woman [see "Stamp on Envelope", p4.].

On March 19th another university will be in the spotlight. The **University of Western Ontario** in London will be celebrating its 125th anniversary. As was the case with Bishop's, the Western University of London, (as it was called then), was incorporated by Isaac Hillmutt, the Anglican Bishop of Huron, on March 7, 1878. It also started as a church University. In 1908 the City of London became financially responsible for this institute and in 1923 the name changed to the present one. Both stamps will be in booklets of 8 @ 48¢ and printed by The Canadian Bank Note Co.

Seventy five years ago in 1928, **the American Hellenic Educational Progressive Association** (AHEPA), formed a chapter in Toronto. To remind us of this event, Canada Post will issue a 48¢ commemorative on March 25th.

Canada is not the only country celebrating events which took place long time ago and obviously proved to be good events since they still perform an important task in our lives. Your daily cup of coffee is an example. In June of 1753, three hundred and fifty years ago, the air in a Dutch town smelled of roasting coffee for the first time. It came from the premises of a gentleman by the name of **Douwe Egberts** [The Olde Egbert]. Today the coffee carrying this brand name is still a best-seller in Holland and is also available in Canada. The Post Office in the Netherlands, (after privatization now called

"TPG Post") will issue two commemoratives for this occasion on June 3rd. Whether these will smell of fresh brewed coffee is unknown.

More closely related to philately and stamps is the 300th birthday of the well known security printer **John Enschedé & Sons** in Haarlem, Holland. Two stamps will be issued on March 4th by TGP Post to mark the event. The World Stamp Almanac lists 25 countries which have their stamps printed by them, and since a couple of stamp printers went out of business recently (Helio Courvoisier SA and the Swiss Postal Service Printing Office), the workload for the remaining ones will certainly increase.

As mentioned above, the printing firm **Helio Courvoisier SA** ceased production on May 21, 2001. Now, the British firm of Walsall Security Printers Ltd. (WSP) has taken over two rotary printing presses and the right to use the brand name "Courvoisier". The right lower corner of the new series of Medicinal Plants issued by Swiss post on March 6th 2003 shows this feature.

One foreign news item (which our Youth Affairs member might find particularly interesting): stamp collecting in China has been a very popular hobby for decades. Now, a primary school in Xiamen, a city in southern China, has included philately in the school's curriculum. The school administration really believes that can enrich the children's lives and regular tests will be given. To commemorate the introduction of the "filately", a First Day Cover was issued. FILAHOME, which was the source of this latest item, hopes that the children will continue to enjoy it.

If any of our members is interested in the collection of Chinese, or in a broader sense, Asian stamps, they may find it worthwhile to pop into some of the many stamp stores in the Chinese malls, which are to be found on the corner of Kennedy and Steeles, Scarborough and/or Spadina and Dundas, Toronto.

At our last meeting we were discussing various methods of detecting watermarks. Some of you may remember that Fritz Seidel showed us his electric water mark detector some time back. This machine was easy to use and gave a pretty clear image that would be easy to photograph.

The more traditional method is to use a small black plastic dish, lay the stamp in that and add a few drops of watermark fluid and in many cases this will also give a very clear picture of the mark. A minor variation of this technique to which I was introduced recently uses a black ceramic floor tile rather than a plastic dish. This has the great advantage (for me, anyway) that several stamps can be done at the same time and where watermarks are similar, they can be seen and compared side by side.

For those of you who haven't messed with sorting stamps by their watermark, I will bring in some tiles and fluid to our next meeting so anyone who wants can have a try.

In the June issue of the Newsletter last year, Reg Powell wrote about postcard collecting (deltiology). Well, in September last year the Toronto Postcard Club celebrated its 25th anniversary and, judging from the write up in their journal "Card Talk", quite a party it was! Reg Powell, as member #2, was recognised as a pioneer of the Club. Anyone interested in collecting postcards might well consider joining that club just for the newsletter

Talking of clubs, I have just seen an advertisement for the U.S. Philatelic Classics Society. This is a club specifically for those interested in early US stamps up to the Columbian commemoratives of 1894. They have a journal, "The Chronicle", devoted to learned articles as well as a less formal newsletter. Membership is about U\$30/a. For further information, contact: Rob Lund, Membership Chairman, 2913 Fulton St., Everett, WA 98201-3733 or see www.uspcs.org.

Bob Watson

To Be Auctioned ...

Alan Charlesworth

I am pleased to announce the first club auction of the year. At the January meeting a discussion was held in regards to the low attendance at recent meetings and how it might impact bidding at club auctions. This has been a rather difficult winter for many members to attend due to the weather, especially for

those who live out of town. You have all been missed and I hope you will turnout for the February meeting. For those of you who cannot attend, we will accept **phone-in bids** (my number is on the back page) for this sale.

I hope to see all of you soon.

Lot #	Country	Scott #	Description	cat.val.	min.bid
1			32 page Lindner stock book (used)		\$ 6.00
2			16 page Unitrade stock book (used)		\$ 4.00
3	Canada		1965 Canada post year set souvenir card	\$ 7.50	
4	Canada		50 used blocks and multiples		\$10.00
5	Portugal		Souvenir card = cancel 2nd annual thematic expo		
6	Canada		3 Postal stationary covers 2 New York Life with inserts	\$ 4.00*	
7	GB		6 air letter cover 1960/70	\$ 6.00*	
8	GB		16 air letters	\$16.00*	
9	Canada	246/8	3 FDC Royal visit with royal train cancels	\$ 9.00	
10	GB		13 Air mail covers 1960/70 different frankings	\$ 9.00*	
11	GB		9 covers 1960/70	\$ 5.00*	
12	Canada		4 covers = 1 postcard with Tuktoyaktut cancels	\$ 5.00*	
13	Canada		8 diff covers with slogan cancels 1930/45	\$10.00*	
14	Canada		9 advertising covers	\$ 4.50*	
15			25 covers 1930/50		
16			4 cover cancelled Tuktoyaktut with interesting back notes	\$10.00*	
17	Canada	181	Coil pair on cover with Wiarton back stamp	\$10.00*	\$ 4.00
18	Canada		Registered cover with 5 New York Life perfins 1940's	\$12.00*	\$ 5.00
19	USA		12 = Advertising covers and postcards	\$ 5.00*	
20	Canada		30 covers 1960/80	\$ 7.50*	
21			SG 1964 Two Reigns catalogue	\$ 4.00*	
22			1939 Rand McNally Guide to stamp collecting	\$ 4.00*	
23			Stamp collecting guide	\$ 4.00*	
24			Stamp collecting guide	\$ 3.00*	
25	Canada		Shoe box clippings 1940/60 good for cancels etc	\$10.00*	
26	Commonwealth		31 diff = 2 blocks mostly mint	\$ 7.90	
27	Barbados		Small lot of mint in blocks of 4	\$ 6.00	
28	Barbados		Flowers in blocks of 10 mint	\$11.00	
29	Commonwealth		33 different mint/used	\$ 7.50	
30			140 different thematics on stock cards	\$30.00	
31	Canada		Canada postal museum souvenir card with '76 Olympic semi postal		
32	C. of Good Hope	4	Slightly faded but sound	\$60.00	\$12.00
33	C. of Good Hope	34	Nice with fiscal cancel	\$300.00	\$40.00
34	Pakistan	95	VFMNH	\$ 7.50	\$ 2.00
35	Canada		Collection in album		
36	Isle of Man		"Edward & Sophie" souvenir set in card folder; 5 stamps;	£ 1.84**	
37	Isle of Man		"Architecture of Baillie Scott" souvenir set in card folder; 5 stamps	£ 2.05**	
38	Faeroes	186–200	1989 Year Collection- 13 stamps in detailed pictorial album (in Engl.)	\$25.95	
39	Faeroes	247–259	1993 Year Collection- 13 stamps in detailed pictorial album (in Engl.)	\$24.95	
40	Faeroes	260–275	1994 Year Collection- 16 stamps in detailed pictorial album (in Engl.)	\$21.35	
41	Catalogue		1997 Scott "Classic"; All the world 1840–1940		

* Estimated value

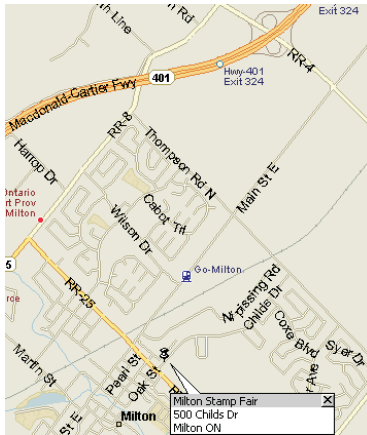
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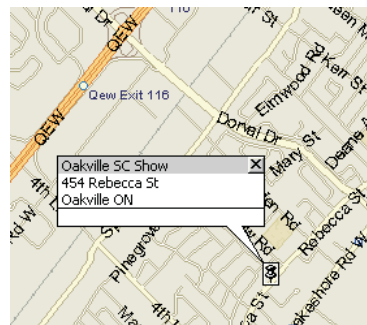
Main business at the February meeting will be the Auction.

Upcoming Events:

The **Milton Stamp Club** is holding its Stamp Fair on Saturday, **March 1st**, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Milton Seniors Activity Centre, 500 Childs Drive, Milton. They expect to have 14 dealers.



The **Oakville Stamp Club** will be holding its Show on 8th March at St. Pauls United Church, 454 Rebecca St. [10.00-5.00]



The **Owen Sound Stamp Club Annual Show** will be held on Sunday, **May 4, 2003**, at the Bayshore Arena (as usual).

Royal*2003*Royale will be held in Hanover on **May 30 – June 1, 2003**, at the Hanover Regional Aquatic Centre and Coliseum.

The Stamp on the Envelope...

Bishop's University in Lennoxville, Quebec, was founded in 1843 as a Church of England college to train clergy and provide the general population with the opportunity for a "sound and liberal education". Ten years later it was granted a Royal Charter and became the University of Bishop's College – an event commemorated by the stamp issued by Canada Post. The University is no longer affiliated with the Church and is now known as simply "Bishop's University".

The design was by Denis L'Allier of Montreal who has been responsible for several other stamps over the years including the *Weather Observation* stamp of 1990, the *PetroCanada* stamp of 2000, and the *Public Service International* stamp from last year.

The stamp features the University's coat of arms over a photograph of McGreer Hall by Guy Lavigneur with the Bishop's colours (purple) as a background.

<i>Title:</i>	Bishop's University Sesquicentennial	
<i>Series:</i>	Canadian Universities II	
<i>Issue date:</i>	28 Jan. 2003	No. 3,000,000
<i>Des.:</i>	Denis L'Allier	
<i>Print.:</i>	Canadian Bank Note Co. (six colour lithography).	
<i>Paper:</i>	Tullis Russell Coatings	<i>Gum:</i> PVA
<i>Size:</i>	36mm x 45mm	<i>Perf.:</i> 13+:
	Available in booklets of 8	x 48¢ stamps

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Chapter 191

Royal Philatelic Society of Canada

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The Owen Sound Stamp Club meets at 7:00pm on the third Wednesday of each month in the basement of St. George's Anglican Church (on the 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 held at 8:00pm.

There are presently about 30 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. In addition, all members and visitors are asked to contribute \$1 each meeting which is passed directly to St. George's Church in appreciation for allowing us to use their room.

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