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A MORE COMPLETE REPORT on CAPEX '78

Our last issue only left us a small space, to hit the highlights, so this month we will try to give you a more detailed report.

We enjoyed every one of our ten days at CAPEX, and while we may have spent a little time in line to get in the first Saturday, and opening night, we expected it - having been to a good many international shows previously. We did not however waste our time standing in lines to get souvenir sheets! When I read of some of the disappointments of some as they told it in the philatelic press I wonder why they bothered to go at all, - all they seemed to want were souvenir sheets! There were some 3500 frames of beautiful, outstanding, unusual, and seldom seen material available out on the exhibit floor, with no lines, exhibit for the "GEMS of PHILATELY" show.

Most of all we enjoyed the fellowship, the chats over a cup of coffee, over lunch (which left much to be desired I agree), but what is more important fancy atmosphere or good fellowship?

For four days we were tied up as a member of the International Jury, on the floor - looking at exhibit entries from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm each day until completed. Our feet just about gave out so we spent most of Wednesday at the Texas Lounge, where many Flag fans caught up with us. But there was never time enough, - but we did get to visit with many for the first time with whom we had corresponded for years, - from So. Africa, Australia, France, Czechoslovakia, Great Britain, Italy, Norway, and of course Canada and the U.S.

We have to give high points to the organizing committee for 1) the Exhibition Layout, 2) the security arrangements, 3) "GEMS of PHILATELY" exhibition, and 4) financial stability. We give only fair points for a) the official catalogue, and 2) rest areas on exhibition floor. We give very low points, ( and on these many were beyond the control of the organizing committee) for c) only one escalator which meant a great deal of stair climbing in the ten days, d) very poor refreshment and meal facilities on the site, e) too few ticket sellers and ticket takers when the doors first opened each day, f.) too many nations trying to cash in on CAPEX with Souvenir Sheets, incl. the U.S. - causing the lines - and too many damn fools trying to buy them!

Most collectors I talked with were able to secure many new items for their collections while at CAPEX. Not too much in the Flag Cancel line however I did find two dealers with fair stock at reasonable prices, but they were soon depleted. I added considerably to my Large Queens Collection, and to my Military Postal History. Most dealers reported doing very well. Some were disappointed, but the dealer who had the stuff did well.

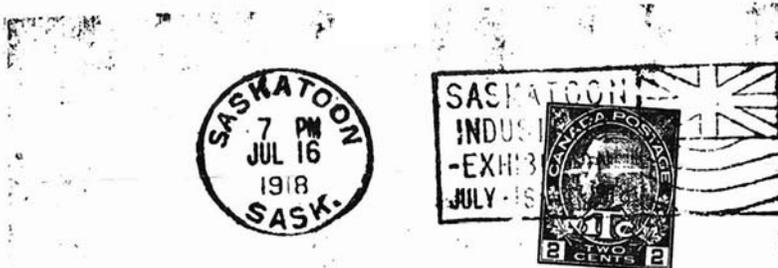
All of the eight Philatelic Societies with Lounges seemed to have been quite busy most of the time - it was a great place to meet friends - and give your feet a rest! Most of the Flag Cancel fans headed for either the RNAPS lounge which always had a friendly group around, or for the Texas Phil. Assoc. where Ed Richardson held forth as Prexy when not off elsewhere.

So what's next? Well I have already heard several at the Lounge and several since CAPEX tell me that they are planning on the INTERNATIONAL in LONDON in 1980. I know Mickey and Ed Richardson are planning on making it, and with about two or three weeks to spend in England and Scotland or after. How about you?

REVISIONS, ADDITIONS, and PRICE CHANGES

to Chapters XIV - XV - XVI

of the

CANADIAN FLAG CANCELLATION HANDBOOKChapter XIV - PRAIRIE PROVINCES EXHIBITIONS, 1917-19IN BANK OF COMMERCE

All of these are RARE! There may still be a few hiding out in slogan cancellation collections, but very few were turned up during these past four years. What few have shown up have been eagerly sought after by Flag Cancel Collectors. The new price revisions are not in error, they reflect actual prices which have been paid.

RANCHERS FAIR and LIVESTOCK SHOW, 1917

|      |           |            |        |               |
|------|-----------|------------|--------|---------------|
| 39-1 | Moose Jaw | June 5 (P) | July 5 | 25.00- 150.00 |
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The PRINCE ALBERT EXHIBITIONS

The 1919 version, known only on Proof Sheet at Handbook time, has now been found on full cover.

|      |      |               |               |         |               |
|------|------|---------------|---------------|---------|---------------|
| 40-1 | 1917 | Prince Albert | July 5 (R)    |         | 25.00- 150.00 |
| 40-2 | 1918 | " "           | July 1 (P)    | July 10 | 25.00- 150.00 |
| 40-3 | 1919 | " "           | <u>June 4</u> |         | 25.00- 150.00 |

The SASKATOON INDUSTRIAL EXHIBITIONS

|      |      |           |                    |               |               |
|------|------|-----------|--------------------|---------------|---------------|
| 41-1 | 1917 | Saskatoon | <u>June 24 (R)</u> | <u>July 9</u> | 20.00- 100.00 |
| 41-2 | 1918 | " "       | <u>May 8</u>       | July 16 (R)   | 20.00- 100.00 |
| 41-3 | 1919 | " "       | <u>May 13</u>      | June 29       | 20.00- 100.00 |

It would well pay collectors in the general areas of these exhibitions to make a concerted search of any large quantities of post cards of this period - 1917 - 1920, as these are most likely to turn up additional examples of these rare markings.

If there are Post Card clubs in the areas, an inspection of some of the existing collections might turn up a few specimens. Even accumulations of postal stationery should not be overlooked.

The existance of a few more examples will not hurt the market, - in fact we believe that the demand for these particular Flag Cancels is especially strong at the prices quoted.

Chapter XV - CONFEDERATION DIAMOND JUBILEE - 1927

Other than a lot of new dates, the big BIG news here is the discovery that this Cancellation was also used for a short time at REGINA, Sask. We had always been surprised that Saskatchewan was not represented in the list of cities using this special cancel in celebration of Canada's Diamond Jubilee, and in fact mentioned the fact in the Handbook.

Type 43 - The English Version

|             |                     |                |                  |            |
|-------------|---------------------|----------------|------------------|------------|
| 43-1        | Calgary             | June 27        | <u>Aug. 30</u>   | 2.50- 7.50 |
| 43-2        | Charlottetown       | June 30(M)     | <u>Aug. 4(R)</u> | 3.50-10.00 |
| 43-3        | Halifax             | June 29(R)     | <u>Aug. 16</u>   | 2.00- 7.50 |
| 43-4        | Ottawa              | June 16(M)     | <u>Dec. 27</u>   | 1.50- 6.00 |
| 43-5        | Saint John, NB      | June 30        | Oct. 15          | 2.00- 7.50 |
| 43-6        | Toronto             | <u>June 27</u> | <u>July 2</u>    | 3.50-15.00 |
| 43-7        | Vancouver           | June 27(R)     | <u>June 30</u>   | 3.50-20.00 |
| 43-8        | Winnipeg            | June 27(R)     | <u>Dec. 3</u>    | 1.50- 6.00 |
| <u>43-9</u> | <u>Regina (NEW)</u> | <u>June 27</u> | <u>July 4</u>    | 5.00-20.00 |

There have been some reports of die differences in the Saint John and Winnipeg dies, we believe this needs more study. We have not yet determined that any new dies were used, and can hardly see any reason for them. The differences in measurements (lengthwise) may result from the varying speeds at which the cancelling machines are run.

We hold slight hopes that examples from Edmonton, Sydney and Victoria may still show up.

Type 44 - The Bilingual Version

|      |          |                |                |            |
|------|----------|----------------|----------------|------------|
| 44-1 | Montreal | June 27(P)     | July 11        | 3.50-10.00 |
| 44-2 | Quebec   | <u>June 29</u> | <u>Aug. 22</u> | 2.50- 7.50 |

June 29th, 1927 First Day covers, of the Confederation (#141-145) and Historical (#146-148) issues, bearing these Flag Cancels of either type 43 or 44, can be found from most of these cities. For full covers add \$27.50 or more depending on the stamp used.

These cancellations are not common. In most instances they were in use only a few days.

Chapter XVI - DEPRESSION YEARS, 1930-34

We rather suspect that there may be a rather good sized lot of these two flag cancellations around somewhere, and one of these days they will come onto the market. However, they will be quickly absorbed into the many collections needing them.

Type 45 - The MANITOBA DIAMOND JUBILEE, 1930

When we wrote the Handbook we stated "We have had only one report of any use on July 15 - the day of the Celebration. We would feel better if this was confirmed." Well we now feel better - it has been confirmed.

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|------|----------|-----------------------------|---------|------------|
| 45-1 | Winnipeg | June 22                     | July 11 | 2.50-15.00 |
|      |          | July 15, day of Celebration |         | 25.00      |

Type 46 - The PORT ARTHUR SEMI-CENTENNIAL, 1934

It is still a surprise to us that there have been no reports of this flag cancellation being used during the four days of the Celebration - July 1 - 4.

However our studies indicate a rather extensive use during the months of March, April and June. We would welcome evidence of use during May, or anytime in July.

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|------|-------------|----------------|------------|------------|
| 46-1 | Port Arthur | <u>March 2</u> | June 27(P) | 2.00-10.00 |
|------|-------------|----------------|------------|------------|

With this September Issue of the Bulletin, all the Post World War I Flag Cancellations of Canada have been completely revised, with known additions, deletions, corrections, new early and late dates and complete price revisions. The next three issues of the Bulletin will be devoted to doing the same for the Flags from 1896 thru 1918.

COLLECT CANADA COVERS (an A.P.S. Handbook)

This is the first time we have had the space to mention "Collect Canada COVERS" - a new American Philatelic Society Handbook released at CAPEX '78.

The Handbook is a compilation of 81 articles written by Ed Richardson for Covers Magazine over a 10-year period. The Handbook is 8½ x 11 in, softbound, with approximately 100 pages, fully illustrated.

The illustrations for the Handbook were taken directly from Covers Magazine, however, type was completely reset. The articles are arranged into seven separate chapters and annotated by Horace W. Harrison.

The book is designed to provide collectors with an introduction to the field of Canadian Covers - with an overview of Canadian postal history.

A special dedication was held at CAPEX during the APS Reception held Thursday evening, June 15th, in the Civic Ballroom of the Sheraton Centre Hotel, Toronto. Ed Richardson was presented the ceremonial "first copy" and was available to autograph copies of his work.

NEXT MONTH - OCTOBER - IT'S BNAPEX TIME

We hope that a great many of you will be attending BNAPEX '78 this year, - both Larry Paige and Ed Richardson are planning on being there. While no formal Seminar is planned we can always get together if there are enough of us to make it worthwhile. BNAPEX affairs are always FUN!

DID YOU KNOW?

- That was a beautiful copy of the rare 4-5 Flag in Harmer's June 5 sale? As usual, it was dated June 20th.
- That same Auction House sold a complete set of the Jubilee ~~1/2~~ thru \$5 last year, on piece, each with 4-2 cancel dated June 22,