

THE FLAG POLE

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CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE

Flag cancel collecting is becoming more popular, we are adding new members all the time. Again this month we have two new people who are interested in joining our group.

I would like to see a "FOR TRADE" page flourish in flag pole. We are missing out by not trading between members more. We can fill many holes in our collections as well as reduce our duplicate holdings. To formally get this going this issue's "FOR TRADE" section lists my spare 1953 Coronation Covers. Next issue we will list 1937 Coronation Covers.

BNAPS 1994 is approaching fast and we will have our usual meeting - time and date will be announced in a future issue.

EDITOR'S REMARKS

This issue is highlighted by a first hand report of an auction of Flag covers that comes along on rare occasions. The report shows that there are many people presuing our specialty with a passion.

At least six members contributed to this issue and I thank them all and ask that you keep sending items for the Flag Pole. Without your input there would be no new news to report.

I hope to see lots of comments regarding the Flag trading session proposed by John in this issue.



AUCTION ACTION

Dateline: December 18, 1993 6:30 AM

Your editor leaves home on an unforgettable expedition into the world of Flag Cancellations.

8:05 AM after picking up Chairman John, we arrive in front of member Jim Hennock's Auction gallery and hook up with Treasurer Doug.

Thus begins our story of Auction Action in Flag Land. We gathered to attend the Auction sale of Dr. Fred Stulberg's Canadian Flag Cancellation Collection. At precisely 10:00 AM Jim started to accept bids on the 311 lots before the Flags. Doug, John and I huddled at the back of the gallery eagerly awaiting the FLAGS. Lots sold quickly with many mail, phone and floor bids. The session continued until Jim decided to stop for coffee. During coffee and doughnuts we ran into members Bill Angley, Bill Longley, Dick Lamb and Alan Steinhart. Jim began again, we sat through the Post Card, the Hollywood, the Literature and the Provincial lots. Finally the Flags, came to centre stage.

Early machines and Miscellaneous flags sold for around estimate, the highlight was lot 313 a Hamilton M4 estimated at \$500.00 knocked down for \$850.00 to a mail bid.

The Montreal 'K' highlighted the classic flag period featuring furious floor versus mail action. The floor won the battle with a bid of \$1,100.00.

The type 4-1 went for \$800.00 against an estimate of \$1,000.00. Lot 348 type 2-1 on cover went for \$550.00. Most flags sold around estimate yet bargains were to be found as lot 380, Toronto Type 7 'G', \$375.00 vs \$750.00 estimate, lot 381, another Toronto Type 7 'G', \$260.00 vs \$500.00 estimate and lot 386, a Hamilton Type 8 'G', sold for \$500.00, a third below estimate.

The most significant drama was just before lot 403, The Victoria Exhibition Flag, was due to be auctioned. Jim stopped the proceedings to get a 'PHONE BIDDER' on the line. We waited; was the 'PHONE BIDDER' after the Victoria or the WW I flags that follow.

Once the Fax had been unplugged and the telephone moved up to the auction room the call was made and in a few minutes we were set to proceed.

The Victoria went for \$550.00 versus an estimate of \$750.00.

The phone remained in the room and Jim continued into the WW I & Western Exhibition Flags.

24-2 Renfrew \$ 90.00 vs \$150.00 estimate a good buy but nothing truly exciting

29-2 the Gananogue Error the estimate \$350.00 opens from the mail to the floor to the mail to the floor and now were in well over estimate, now the PHONE gets involved the floor drops out now it's mail vs phone and finally Jim knocks the lot down for \$1,100.00 to the PHONE BIDDER.

Whew!! Could this be topped?

35-8 Stratford \$45.00 us \$100.00 estimate. (Maybe I should have bid?)

39-1 Moose Jaw Fair \$325.00 us \$450.00 estimate. (Wish I could.)

Then --- MORE DRAMA.

The Prince Albert 1918 Exhibition with an estimate of \$450.00.

Jim starts with the mail, the floor, the mail, the floor, the mail, the floor and once again we are well above the estimate the floor drops out the mail is going to get it the PHONE BIDDER enters again mail-phone-mail-phone and finally Jim's hammer drops at \$1,400.00 to the PHONE.

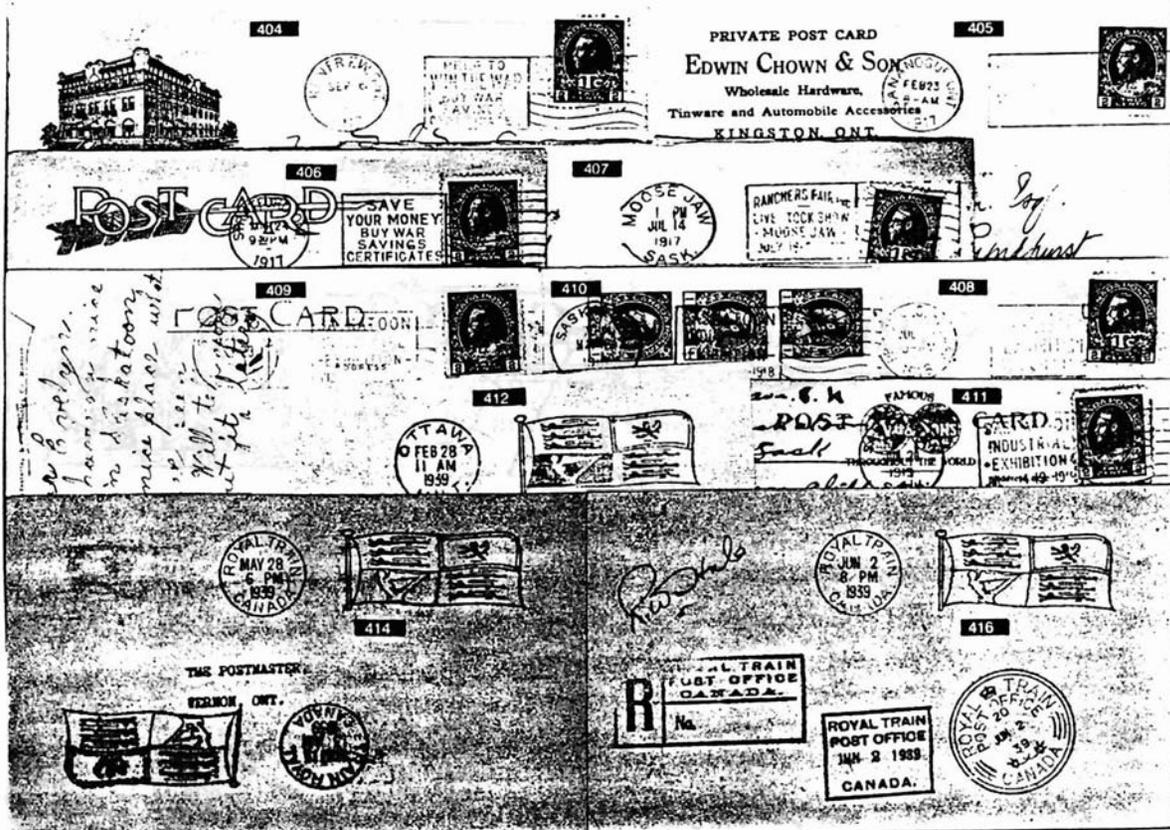
1917 Saskatoon Exhibition Goes for \$650.00 us estimate of \$200.00.

1918 Sasaktoon Exhibition goes for \$ 95.00 us estimate of \$125.00.

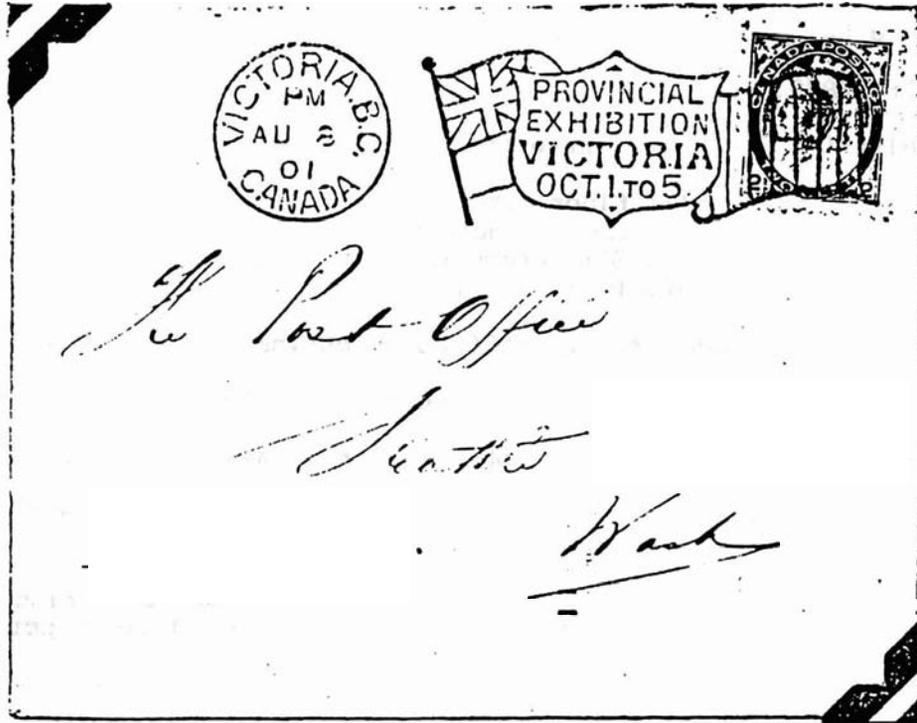
1919 Saskatoon Exhibition goes for \$800.00 us estimate of \$250.00.

Another 47 flag lots including many rare Royal Train lots follow and the session is over.

A total of 147 lots realized a total in excess of \$25,000.00. Flag collecting is very much alive and the collectors are willing to sacrifice to get the better items.

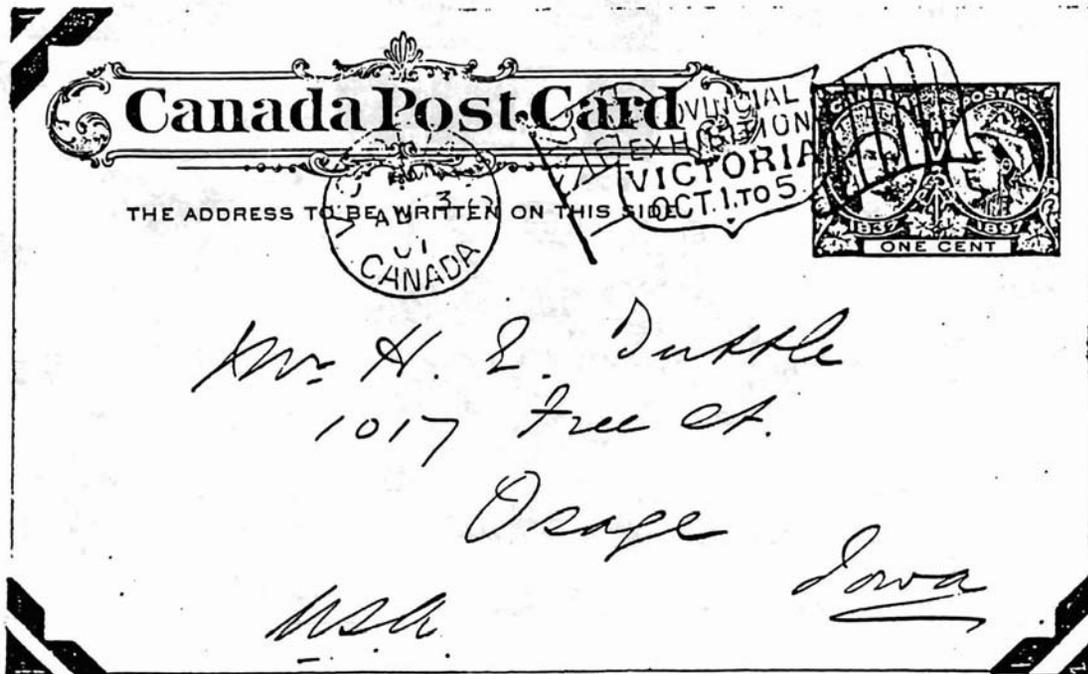


CLASSIC CORNER



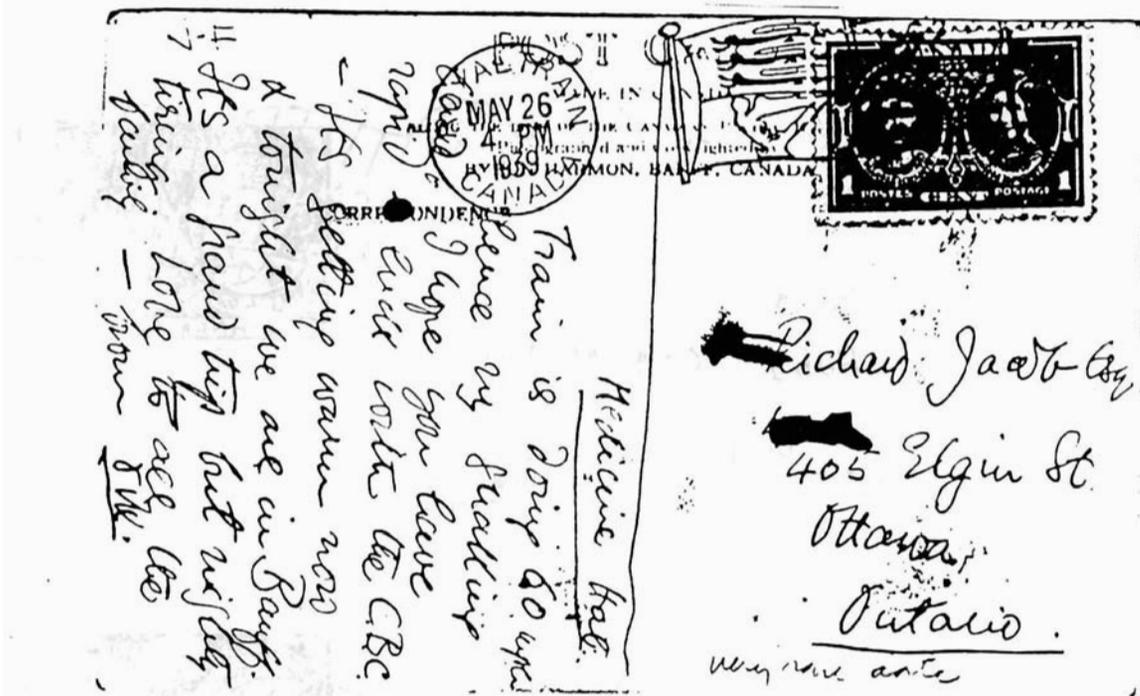
1901 VICTORIA EXHIBITION

From Fred Langford's collection, possibly the clearest impression reported as well as the only reported impression on a Commemorative Jubilee.



ROYAL TRAIN

MAY 26 - TWO REPORTS



4:00 PM CALGARY

The train arrived in Calgary at 3:00PM and the post card was written on board when the train was going through Medicine Hat.



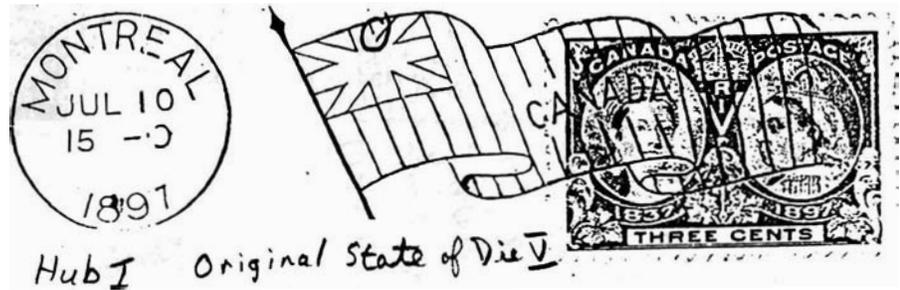
Mrs. Jacobson
 102nd Ave & 128th St.
 - Ottawa

8:00 PM BANFF

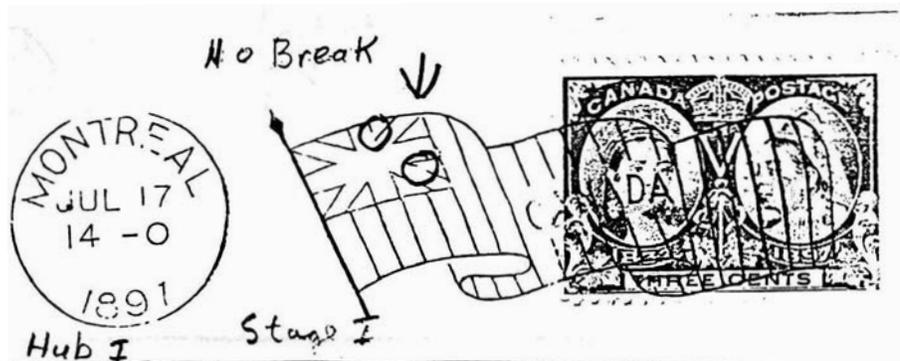
The train arrived in Banff at 7:30 PM and the post card above confirms they were to spend the night at Banff.

These two strikes, the first reported for May 26, are illustrated courtesy of Hank Narbonne.

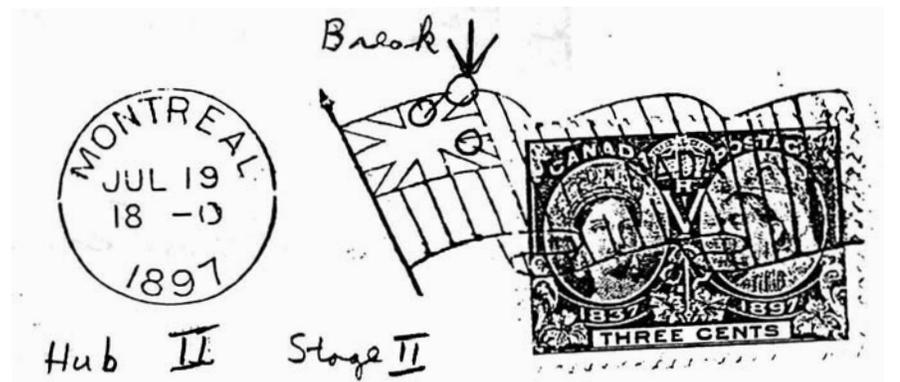
MONTREAL TYPE 7, DIE V



Original state of the Die.
Small break in the Ensign near the middle top.
EKD - Jul 10, 1897 15-0 LKD - _____



Stage I
Original break plus break near bottom right.
EKD - Jul 17, 1897 14-0 LKD - _____



Stage II
As Stage I plus additional break at the top right.
EKD - Jul 19, 1897 18-0 LKD - Apr 12, 1898

The Illustrations are enlarged to make the die breaks more evident. Should these die breaks be included in the handbook. The breaks are reported by Doug Lingard who would like to try and narrow down periods of use. This is original research, which is the real purpose of our study group. Please check your holdings and report dates used.

FOR TRADE PAGE

Your Chairman and Editor offer the following.

1953 Coronation Covers all # 8 size:

- Hamilton June 1
- London June 1,5
- Ottawa June 1,2
- Regina June 1
- Toronto, Ontario June 1,3,5
- Vancouver June 1.
- Montreal Die 2, June 1

This makes a total of 11 available Town/dates in the Chairman/Editors hands which can be exchanged.

We will send these dates to you for any dates not listed.

Next issue we should be able to offer different dates from the replies received. Eventually most of the common Town/dates will circulate amongst the membership through this method without cash being a concern.

We do not want to exchange massive amounts of covers with the same dates as there are postage costs to be considered but most members have some common Town/dates which will help other members.

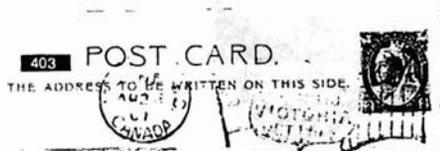
There are multiples of some dates available but trades are on a first come first served basis. Cash offers from members will be accepted. Proceeds used to obtain other dates which can be offered to the membership. John and I both go to most major Toronto shows so should be able to pick up replacements.

John and I have many other dates in our collections and are hoping to improve our coverage while helping other members. It is not expected that rare dates will be offered but it is possible a common date in one part of Canada is impossible to find in another. If anyone sends in an invert the Editor gets it no ifs ands or buts.

If we get the 1953's going well we will do 1937. Then maybe Royal Train dates, etc.

Replies should be sent to John, address on masthead, and he will reply within 3-4 days maximum. Does anyone want to try 2x4's on these? We have Hamilton June 5,6, if so tell us.

This is a start towards an exchange through the Flag Pole. Please bear with us and send your comments, either pro or con.



THE BACK PAGE

Fred Goodhelpson reports Flag 40-1 Prince Albert Exhibition July 3, 1917 a new early date, this is on piece but I wish I had it.

John Robertson reports 53-22 Enlist Now Truro Aug. 20, 1941, a new early date.

John also zeros in on 53-21A Enlist Now Die Break Stage 1 vs Stage 2.



CARD ENLIST NOW



ENLIST NOW



Stage 1 Late Oct 16, 1941 11:30PM
(John's new late timemark)

Stage 2 Early Oct 17, 8:30 PM
(Early from the Editor)

Who can Narrow this even more?

Member Jerry Miller has written a book "FROM HINRICHSSEN TO KRAG - The Experimental and Early Machine Postmarks of Germany."

The book outlines the machines used in German Post Offices from 1867-1920. This includes some new information on the Bickerdike machine used from 1898-1916. Member Al Steinhart has seen a copy and indicates it is well worth reading.

Copies may be obtained from: Miller Publishing
P.O. Box 2142
Glen Ellyn, Illinois
U.S.A. 60138

Send \$20.00 U.S. for softbound or \$30.00 for a hardbound copy. Add 10% for Canada and 25% for overseas addresses. If you live in Illinois 6.75% State Sales Tax.

