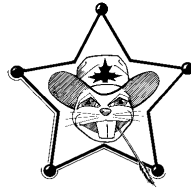


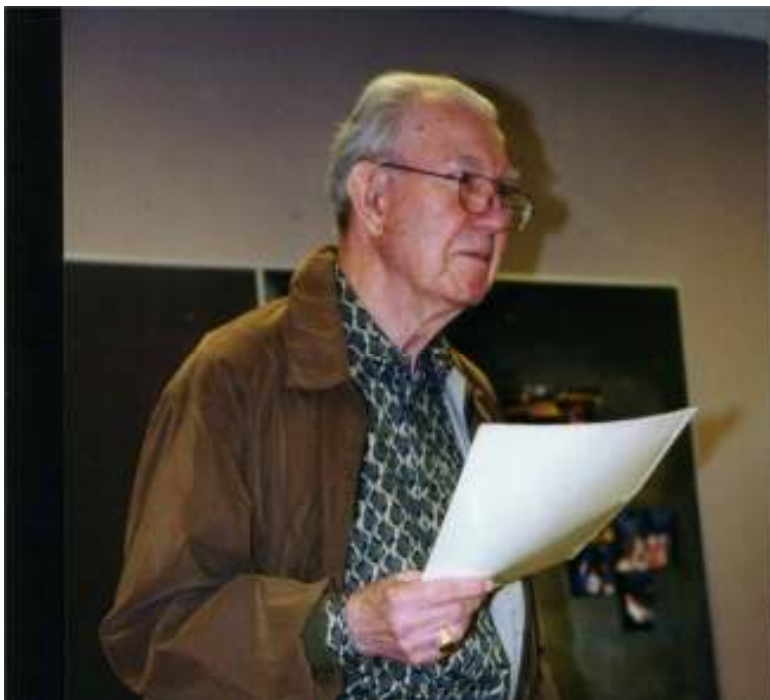
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**April 10 MEETING in College Station** at . St Mary's Catholic Center,  
603 Church Avenue, College Station, Texas 77840, Room 208. See map on p. 2



### **ED CHRISTMAN- 1923 – 2010**

Original Prairie Beaver member Ed Christman passed away Thursday, March 11 in Houston. He was a faithful attendee at PB meetings for decades before being limited by Parkinson's, but still managed a few meetings in Houston after being limited by the disease.

Ed served in World War II and then received an Master of Social Work. He worked for Family Service Center of Greater Houston for 27 years and became the Executive Director before his retirement. He and Audrey were married for 58 years.

Ed's philately included BNA and Texas Postal History along with many country collections. He purchased significant portions of Ed Richardson's Semi-Official airmail when Ed broke that collection up and continued to work on it for many years. It was sold a few years ago

**BNAPEX 10** – Victoria, BC, and the Empress Hotel are the attractions for attending the upcoming annual convention. At a rate of C\$150 per night double occupancy, this is the best rate you will ever see to sleep in the Empress. It is expected that there will be a large attendance from both North America and the UK, as well as Pacific and Asian members and guests.

Getting there has several alternatives. Previously, we have flown to Seattle, rented a car, and driven up to Port Townsend and taken the ferry across to Victoria. Alternatively, you can fly either to Seattle or Vancouver and rent a car. There is a ferry from Vancouver across to Vancouver Island and across to Victoria. Also, there is direct flight service to Vancouver Island, although the connections from the airport to Victoria leave something to be desired generally.

If you are thinking about going, you need to reserve your rooms at the Empress immediately, as the block of rooms reserved will be sold out before too long. Of course there are other accommodations not far away, and a google search will find you rooms.

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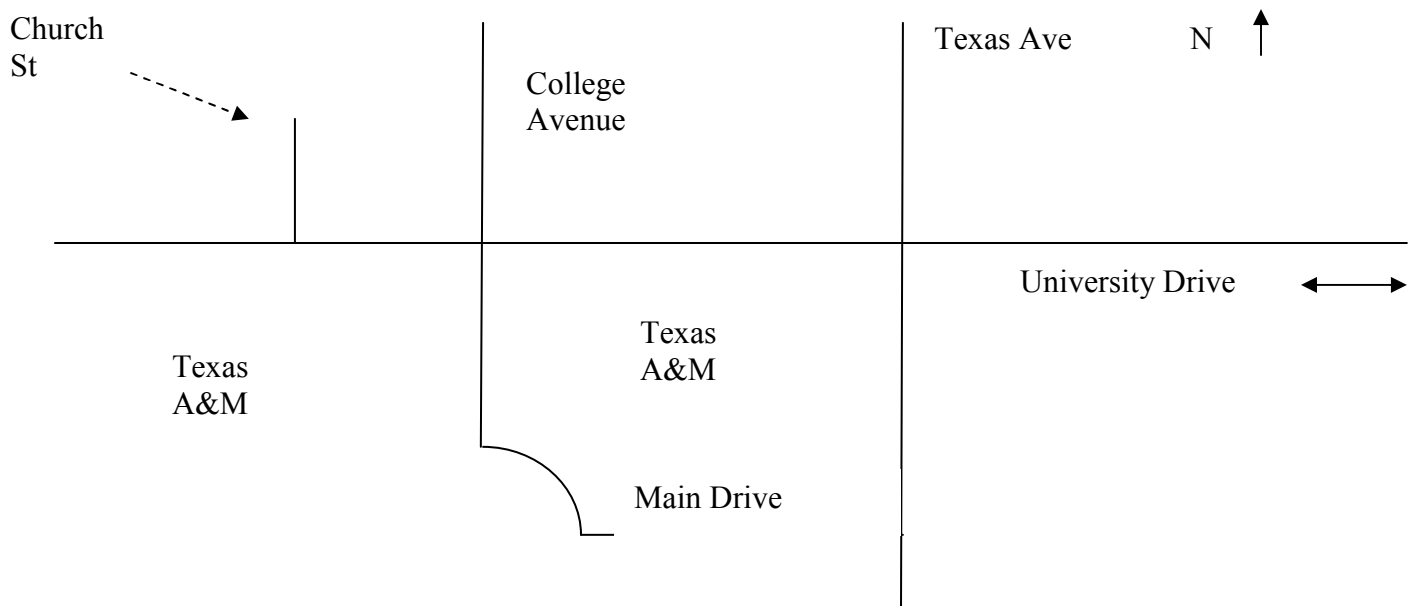
intact. Ed was honored as a Distinguished Philatelic Texan in 1978. Ed was also a founding member of the Texas Postal History Society. In later years Ed focused on WWII material of both Canada and the U.S.

We extend our sincere condolences to Audrey and Ed's daughters and their spouses and his grandson. RIP

**PRAIRIE BEAVER MEETING, April 10, 2010  
SCHEDULE OF ACTIVITIES**

8:45 - 9:00	Coffee, donuts, informal
9:00 - 9:15	Introductions
9:15 - 9:30	Book reviews- new BNAPS books
9:30 - 9:45	Internet review (new sites, action)
9:45 - 10:15	Swap, Sell, Buy, Trade
10:15 - 10:45	Presentation: In-between: The transitions from one definitive set to another, Vic Willson
10:45 - 11:15	Swap, Sell, Buy, Trade
11:15 - 12:00	Clothesline Exhibit I: BNA-related
12:00 - 1:00	Lunch
1:00 - 1:30	Business meeting and BNAPS info
1:30 - 2:00	Clothesline Exhibit II: non-BNA collecting areas
2:00 - 2:30	Swap, Sell, Buy, Trade
2:30 - 3:00	Presentation:tba
3:00 - 3:30	Discussion: Philatelic literature Future- electronic vs. paper
3:30 - 4:00	Swap, Sell, Buy Trade
4:00 - 4:30	Presentation:tba
4:30 - 5:00	Wrapup

Map of College Station north side of TAMU



## RECENT AUCTIONS

Since our last meeting there have been a number of quite interesting auctions that included significant BNA philatelic material. The Ron Cipolla II exhibit and collection included a newspaper from St. John, NB to Boston with a "Favor's Express/Steamer Admiral 1859" that made \$6500, the unique 1½d circular to Newfoundland in 1858 that Ron outbid your editor for in the Wilkinson sale (now properly returned to the Willson exhibit) at \$1,100; the 2½d 1855 stampless circular to Saxony (ditto Wilkinson to Cipolla to Willson) at \$2,600; a 1¢ circular from New York to Nova Scotia that was turned and remailed internally with 1d NS at \$2,200.

The William Gross auction had a number of important BNA items. The six 6d laid paper singles on cover at \$37,500; 12d on cover at \$250,000; mint 12d single at \$260,000!; strip of 3 of 3d + 2 x ½d to England at \$7,250; and similar with strip and pair at \$6,500; 6d mint slate gray on wove at \$60,000; 2 x 6d gray on wove on valentine at \$6,000; pair mint 7½d at \$40,000; 6d bisect on cover at \$20,000 comprised pence material of interest. Decimal 5¢ mint sold at \$5,250 (cat. is \$1500). The unique 5¢ Large Queen to France through the UK in 1875 went to your editor at \$5,250; a pair of the 5¢ + 6¢ small queen to Australia in 1876 hit \$13,500; the pair of 12½¢ LQs to Malta made \$12,000; a mint block of the 15¢ perf 11 ½ x 12 sold reasonably at

\$3750; a script watermark 15¢ sold at \$3250; and the 1¢ laid paper + 2¢ LQs on cover made \$10,500. Pristine Small Queen mint singles went for astronomical prices. A registered cover to England with 8¢ RLS + 5¢ SQ went to \$17,000, which I believe is a record for this franking.

The Liechtenstein 5d Victoria Island on cover sold for \$25,000, probably the finest example. The NB 1/- mint bright violet full OG made \$37,500, and the dull violet same gum went for \$47,500. The unique Connell mint pair hit \$19,000.

The Newfoundland 2d strip of 3 on cover went for \$140,000, and the pair on cover for \$17,000. Four copies of the first 5d NF stamp on cover to NS hit \$16,000. The first issue 6d mint NG absolutely pristine got to \$20,000, and the first issue 1/- mint OG to \$50,000. There were other 5 and there were many other 5 figure items in the NF area. In Nova Scotia the 1/- cold violet pair on cover with 6d to India 1853 sold for \$85,000- one of the classics of all philately in my opinion, although it is not unique, as a small correspondence included 4 similar examples.

More recently the collections sale by Spink saw jaw-dropping prices for large lots. A nice but not outstanding collection of Canada classic material through the 19<sup>th</sup> century went for \$21,000 over a \$5-7000 estimate. One of my contacts reviewed it and thought \$9000 or so would be the maximum for keeping a few items and selling the rest to get most of the money back- certainly not full retail plus for nice but not rare or exceptional material.



*5¢ paid through to France via London when the ordinary rate was 10¢ per half oz. According to the UK-France convention per GPU, the cover would be rated at 5¢ if sent from London vs. a direct ship from NY or other port. This is the only reported example, ex- Menich.*





Nova Scotia 2/6 to India 1853 prepaid with pair of 1/- cold violet and 6d in Gross sale. The rate was for under 1/2 oz. Routing was through London; accounting mark is 2/0 credit to BPO, but I do not know the additional accounting in this case, I assume 2 1/2d is the credited internal amount to NS.

This cover has been written up in Arfken, Leggett, Firby, & Steinhart (1997). Rated initially at 1d, this was crossed out with the 7-ring cancel and rerated at 2 1/2d, the rate through the UK to any foreign country for prices current or commercial lists (circulars). The red PAID indicates prepayment. The circular missed the Cunarder Asia and was sent on the U.S. Collins line Baltic, which was an additional fee. A debit to Saxony of 2 1/2 indicates that the additional 1d fee must have been absorbed by the BPO. The other markings are the conversions and credits via Belgium and Aachen, and an additional due fee in Dresden. Talk about complex.



**Airmails to the US with additional services**

Before the reciprocity in payment of airmail services in August 1928, the payment of additional services in Canadian stamps was still in force. At right is a registered cover, 2¢ letter fee, 10¢ registration, and 10¢ U.S. 4<sup>th</sup> Bureau for the U.S. airmail fee per ½ oz. Although intended for the FF from to NY to Boston, I find registered covers of this sort uncommon.



Another service that is not commonly seen is semi-official mail to the U.S. The cover left involved the Western Canada Airways Ltd. Service from The Pas to Cold Lake and then on to Toronto and New York. Roessler covers are not hard to find, but registered covers are a small fraction of these.





This cover was mailed registered from Saskatoon, SASK on Aug. 13. As of Aug. 1, 1928, the rate was 5¢ for the first oz. While Canadian stamps could be used, the regulation seemed to indicate continued use of U.S. stamps without accounting between the countries. When the Canadian airmail stamp was issued in Sept. it seemed to stop all use of U.S. stamps except as philatelic creations, but



this cover, with the Ericson 5¢, registered Canadian 10¢, did not need the 2¢ domestic any longer. Obviously, they knew about the new rate, but if they had known the 2¢ was not needed it is likely it would not have been included.



The next July 15, 1929, cover paid the 5¢ reciprocal rate mentioned above from Toronto to Buffalo with additional postage of 75¢ to take it past the U.S. to Chile. This is overpaid 5¢ according to both U.S. and Canadian rate tables, but given the

uncertainty of rates in this period, the sender may have misinterpreted things, or may just have had the 75¢ stamp available as “close enough.” The routing was via Canal Zone and it has a July 20 transit and July 28 Santiago receiver and July 29 Embassy of the United States handstamp on the back.

## Combination covers- Large and Small Queens

Combination covers for Pence and Decimal issues often command high prices due to rarity, as do Decimal-Large Queen covers. Little has been made to date, however, of Large-Small Queen cover combinations, mostly because of the long overlap between some of the values, since other than the 1¢ yellow, all Large Queens were held over into at least the early 1870s. The 3¢ LQ clearly sold out first and was replaced by the 3¢ SQ within a few months. Usage beyond mid-1870 is unusual. Even the 1¢ yellow LQ is easily found until the end of 1870, even though the 1¢ SQ was issued by March 1870. The 2¢ and 6¢ LQs lasted until early 1872 when the new versions were issued. The ½¢ was used well into the 1880s, although on cover usage is not that easy to find. The 12½¢ was used for parcel post and make-up rates until the late 1880s, and the 15¢ into the 1900s, finally overtaken by the Widow Weeds and Edward higher values for make-up rates. I have been putting together the Large and Small Queen rate tables for the *Canada Posted Letter Guide, 2<sup>nd</sup> Ed.*, and have kept track of the various combinations available. These are listed below.

### DOMESTIC LETTER RATES

1¢ + 2¢ LQ  
 2¢ + 2 x ½¢ LQ  
 1¢ + 4 x ½¢ LQ  
 3¢ + 1¢ + 2¢ LQ  
 3¢ + 3¢ LQ  
 1¢ + 5¢ LQ  
 3¢ + 6¢ LQ  
 2 x 2¢ + 5¢ LQ  
 3¢ + 2 x 6¢ LQ  
 3¢ + 15¢ LQ  
 6¢ + 15¢ LQ  
 2¢ + 10¢ + 15¢ LQ  
 2 x 1¢ + 2 x 12½¢ LQ  
 3 x 3¢ + 6¢ LQ + 15¢ LQ  
 6¢ + 4 x 6¢ LQ  
 6¢ + 2 x 15¢ LQ  
 3 x 3¢ + 6¢ LQ + 3 x 15¢ LQ (1¢ overpaid)

### DOMESTIC REGISTERED LETTER RATES

1¢ + 2¢ LQ  
 3¢ + 2¢ LQ  
 1¢ + x 2¢ LQ  
 2¢ + 6¢ LQ bisect  
 6¢ + 2¢ LQ  
 2 x 3¢ + 2¢ LQ  
 3¢ + 5¢ LQ  
 3¢ + 2¢ LQ + 6¢ LQ  
 4 x 3¢ + 2¢ LQ  
 2¢ + 3¢ + 15¢ LQ  
 5¢ + 15¢ LQ  
 3¢ + 15¢ LQ + 2¢ RLS  
 1¢ + 5¢ + 15¢ LQ + 2¢ RLS  
 3¢ + 15¢ LQ + 5¢ RLS  
 3¢ + 3 x 6¢ + 2¢ RLS  
 3 x 3¢ + 15¢ LQ + registration paid in cash  
 10¢ + 2¢ LQ + 15¢ LQ + 2¢ RLS (piece)  
 3¢ + 2 x 15¢ LQ + 2¢ RLS

2¢ + 3 x 3¢ + 2 x 15¢ LQ  
 2 x 2¢ + 9 x 5¢ LQ + 2¢ RLS (1¢ o/p)  
 3¢ + 15¢ LQ + 5¢ RLS  
 2 x ½¢ + 1¢ + 2¢ + 3¢ + 5¢ + 6¢ + 8¢ + 10¢ + 15¢  
 LQ + 50¢ WW + 20¢ WW 2¢ RLS + 5¢ RLS

### PARCEL POST RATES

2 x 6¢ + ½¢ LQ  
 3¢ + 2 x 5¢ LQ + 5¢ RLS (½¢ overpaid)  
 2¢ + 5 x 3¢ + ½¢ LQ  
 1¢ + 2¢ + 15¢ LQ  
 5¢ + 12½¢ LQ + 2 x ½¢ LQ + 5¢ RLS  
 3¢ + 15¢ LQ + 5¢ RLS  
 10¢ + 15¢ LQ (FRONT)  
 1¢ + 4 x 6¢ LQ  
 2 x 2¢ + 2 x 12½¢ LQ  
 5¢ + 2 x 15¢ LQ  
 3 x 2¢ + 2 x 15¢ LQ  
 2 x 3¢ + 2 x 15¢ LQ + 3¢ JUB  
 1¢ + 3¢ + 6¢ LQ + 3 x 15¢ LQ

### BULK NEWSPAPER RECEIPT

2 x 1¢ + 15¢ LQ  
 3¢ + 2 x 15¢ LQ  
 2¢ + 20¢ WW + 15¢ LQ  
 2 x 6¢ + 7 x 15¢ LQ  
 4 x 50¢ Widow Weed + 2 x 15¢ LQ

### RATES TO US

#### LETTER RATES

3¢ + 3¢ LQ  
 ½¢ + 5 x ½¢ LQ  
 2 x 1¢ + 2 x 2¢ LQ  
 2 x 1¢ + 2 x 2¢  
 2 x ½¢ + 4 x ½¢ LQ  
 WELLS FARGO PASTE-UPS: 6¢ + MULTIPLE 6¢ LQs

**REGISTERED LETTER RATES**

1¢ + 6¢ + 2 x 2¢ LQ  
 3¢ + 6¢ + 2¢ LQ  
 3 x 3¢ + 2¢ LQ  
 2¢ + 3¢ + 2¢ LQ + 12½¢ LQ  
 2¢ + 3¢ LQ + 5 x 6¢ LQ  
 1¢ + 2 x 2¢ + 6 x 6¢ LQ

**RATES TO THE UNITED KINGDOM LETTER RATES**

3¢ + 3¢ LQ  
 2¢ + 3¢ + 2¢ LQ  
 6¢ + 2¢ LQ  
 3¢ + 5¢ LQ  
 3¢ + 12½¢ LQ  
 4 x 3¢ + 2 x 2¢ LQ  
 3¢ + 15¢ LQ  
 5¢ + 15¢ LQ  
 10¢ + 15¢ LQ  
 5¢ + 2 x 15¢ LQ  
 2 x 1¢ + 2 x 2¢ + 4 x 3¢ + 2 x 10¢ + 12½¢ LQ

**REGISTERED LETTER RATES**

2 x 1¢ + 3¢ + 15¢ LQ  
 2¢ + 3¢ + 15¢ LQ  
 6 x 3¢ + 2¢ LQ  
 3¢ + 6¢ + 2¢ LQ + 12½¢ LQ  
 5¢ + 15¢ LQ + 5¢ RLS  
 2 x 5¢ + 4 x 15¢ LQ + 5¢ RLS  
 10¢ + 16 x 15¢ LQ + 5¢ RLS

**PRINTED PAPERS VIA CUNARD**

1¢ + 3¢ + 6¢ LQ + 4 x 15¢ LQ

**RATES TO OTHER COUNTRIES LETTER RATES**

1¢ + 2¢ + 5¢ LQ to Bermuda  
 To France:

1¢ + 3¢ LQ + 2 x 6¢ LQ  
 1¢ + 15¢ LQ  
 2 x 2¢ + 6¢ LQ  
 2¢ + 5¢ LQ + 3¢ PSE  
 1¢ + 3¢ + ½¢ LQ + 12½¢ LQ  
 5¢ + 15¢ LQ to France

To Germany:

6¢ + 2 x 2¢ LQ  
 3¢ + 6¢ + 15¢ LQ (replaced)  
 1¢ + 15¢ LQ to Bremen  
 1¢ + 15¢ LQ to Bavaria  
 1¢ + 2¢ + 3¢ + 5¢ + 10¢ + 15¢ Columbian + 10¢ US PSE sea overpayment 1893)

To Switzerland:

3 x 3¢ + 2¢ LQ  
 3¢ + 2¢ LQ + 6¢ LQ

3¢ + 6¢ + 2¢ LQ  
 2¢ + 3¢ + 15¢ LQ

To Italy:

2 x 1¢ + 3¢ + 5¢ LQ  
 2¢ + 3¢ + 5¢ LQ  
 1¢ + 1¢ LQ + 3¢ LQ + 5¢ LQ  
 2¢ + 3¢ LQ + 5¢ LQ

2¢ + 2 x 5¢ LQ to British Guiana

2¢ + 15¢ LQ (2¢ overpaid) to Sweden

To New Zealand

3¢ + 2 x 6¢ LQ  
 1¢ + 3¢ + 15¢ LQ

1¢ + 15¢ LQ to Shanghai

To Australia:

6¢ + 2 x 5¢ LQ  
 1¢ + 15¢ LQ

1¢ + 15¢ LQ to Norway

1¢ + 2 x 2¢ LQ + 6¢ LQ + 12½¢ LQ to India (½¢ overpaid)

7 x 3¢ + 2¢ LQ to ?

3 x 3¢ + 15¢ LQ to Bahamas via US

3¢ + 6¢ + 15¢ LQ to Brazil

**REGISTERED LETTER RATES TO FOREIGN COUNTRIES**

½¢ + ½¢ LQ + 3¢ + 8¢ RLS + 1¢ PSE to Germany  
 1¢ + 5¢ + 15¢ LQ + 2¢ RLS to China  
 10¢ + 15¢ LQ to Argentina  
 2 x 5¢ + 15¢ LQ + 5¢ RLS to Sweden  
 2 x ½¢ + 1¢ + 2¢ + 3¢ + 10¢ + 15¢ LQ (overpaid 2¢) to UK forwarded to Austria with 6d Victoria stamps, forwarded to Canada with 25kr)  
 10¢ + 2 x 15¢ LQ + 8¢ RLS (overpaid 3¢) to Portugal  
 2¢ + 3¢ + 2 x 10¢ + 15¢ LQ + 5¢ RLS to New South Wales  
 ½¢ + 10¢ + 15¢ LQ + 20¢ W + 50¢ W + 5¢ RLS to Colombia



LQ + 1¢ US post (philatelic)

12½¢LQ + ½¢ LQ + 5¢ SQ + 5¢RLS Parcel Post triple rate registered (6¢ per 4 oz + 5¢ registration,) only recorded example of 12½¢LQ with a 5¢ SQ and 12½¢LQ with a 5¢ RLS



The convention costs are C\$160 for a member and C\$145 for spouse that includes two dinner venues and a reception.

Optional tours include:

1. **City Tour including visit to Craigdarroch Castle.** 3 hrs. (Buses are not allowed access directly to castle, visitors must walk uphill 2 blocks. Castle has 87 stairs!) Pickup from hotel Friday, Sept. 3 at 9:00 a.m. (Min. 20 people required) C\$46
2. **Butchart Gardens Tour.** 4 hours, pickup from hotel. Price includes transportation, admission and all taxes. Pickup from hotel Saturday, Sept. 4 at 9:00 a.m. (Min. 20 people required) C\$61
3. **Whale Watching Tour.** 3 hour boat cruise Sunday, Sept. 5 at 9:30 a.m. Pickup at the pier (near the hotel). C\$75

There is an abundance of sightseeing activities available in and around the city of Victoria.

The list below is a sampling of the more popular things to see and do. For more information visit:

[www.tourismvictoria.com](http://www.tourismvictoria.com)

- **Parliament Buildings** – *Adjacent to the Empress, Tours available*
- **Museums & Art Galleries**

### Modern Postal History of Canada

The area I am most likely to continue collecting as I move toward old age is post-1980 foreign destination postal history of Canada. The rate changes over the last 30 years are astounding, exceeding the total previous 130 years of Canadian postal rate changes. This presents an amazing range of collecting in both domestic and foreign mails. Below are some interesting items I have picked up that, if they were in the 1800's would be prices in the \$1000s of dollars- too bad I can't hang around until 2100 when these will be similarly priced, if we have a civilization by then, and if the price of bread is not also in the \$1000s.



At left is a cover to the Canadian Ambassador in Abidjan, Ivory Coast from the embassy of the Niger Republic in Ottawa mailed Dec. 22, 1989, no receiver. Rate was 76¢ under 20gr. Jan. 1, 1989 – Dec. 31, 1989. A nice example of the rate.

The cover below fits well with a showing of undeliverable mail, suspended service, war mail, or other topical. Intended for the Republic of Srpska in Bosnia and Herzegovina. Formerly one of the six federal units constituting the Socialist Federal Republic of Yugoslavia, Bosnia and Herzegovina gained its independence during the Yugoslav wars of the 1990s. Bosnia and Herzegovina can be described as a Parliamentary democracy that is transforming its economy into a market-oriented system, and it is a

potential candidate for membership in the European Union and NATO. Additionally, the nation has been a member of the Council of Europe since 24 April 2002 and a founding member of the Mediterranean Union upon its establishment on 13 July 2008.

Mailed Feb. 13, 1995, it was rated 88¢ under 20gr. Mar. 1, 1994- Sep. 30, 1994, this is the shortest rate periods in the last 30 years for letters.

The post card shown below was sent to Cambodia about April 19, 1998 (poor roller cancel with 1? 04 1998 visible) with a May 2, 1998 Battambang receiver. The rate was 90¢ under 20gr between Oct. 1, 1994 and Dec. 31, 1998. Post cards were not given any concession and went at the letter rate. This is the longest constant rate period in the last 30 years

