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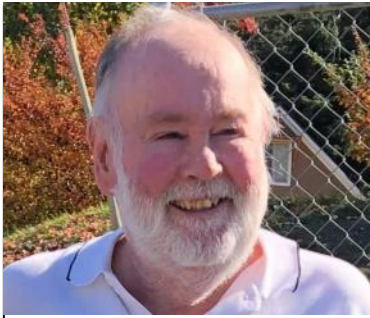
The latest from CPC Flower series ushering the new Spring. *Ranunculus asiaticus*, the variety pictured on this year's flower issue, is also known as Persian buttercup. Native to southwestern Asia, southern Europe and northern Africa, the plant may have arrived in northern Europe during the Crusades but was not widely cultivated until the 17th century.

While the wild ranunculus is usually yellow, cultivated blooms can be orange, red, violet or pink. This two-stamp issue depicts *Ranunculus asiaticus* as a single flower and a bouquet, in many shades of pink.

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A Letter from the Chair

To the members of
BNAPS Pacific Northwest
Regional Group

Hello Members of the Pacific Northwest Region!

Its been a long Winter and Spring is well under way in many parts of our Region. Our Region includes collectors from Alaska, Yukon, BC, Washington State and Oregon. A vast geography and climactic region. Our friends in Victoria are enjoying cherry blossoms and daffodils and our Northern members are still in the icy grip of Winter. As vast is our Region, so too are our collecting interests, as you will see from the contributions herein.

I attended the Edmonton Spring Show on March 25/26 and was warmly received by the members and volunteers of the Edmonton Stamp Club. Dealers Weeda Stamps from Victoria and Doug Kendig from Tappen were in attendance along with 14 of their colleagues. Collector attendance was good, with Saturday being a packed house. Always great to rub shoulders with other collectors and shop with the dealers. Post COVID, everyone is anxious to resume the social aspect of our hobby.

Several BNAPS members presented on Sunday. David Piercey from BNAPS Edmonton presented on "Exhibiting" which was very interesting and helpful. He also was available to sign his recently published book on the topic. Yours truly presented on "Oakley, ASSA/SASK" which was sparsely attended but enjoyed by my spouse and daughter!

The exhibits were varied and all well presented. Five rows of exhibit frames on a variety of subjects. Kudos to all for their efforts. I have always admired the exhibitors dedication and expertise in mounting an exhibit. In actuality, I was planning on mounting an exhibit for Edmonton and failed miserably. Didn't start soon enough in developing my plan and organizing my material. Seeing the results of other

exhibitors has only provided more motivation to "get it together"!

Hopefully, you have all had a good winter expanding and researching your areas of interest. We have about 240 members in our Region and we all look forward to hearing about your latest news. We welcome your submissions for the newsletter in the spirit of sharing with your fellow philatelists. Be it a cover, cancel or usage or just a few lines or paragraphs—please share your area of interest with others. We are always happy to publish items big or small.

My research over the winter has led to some discoveries and new rabbit holes to dive down. I have a interest in "Manson" covers following my research into Metlakatla BC wherein one of the Manson daughters engaged in significant volume of correspondence with her Mother in Nanaimo. My original interest was the Metlakatla cancels but soon started researching the origin of the correspondents and fell into the history of the Manson Family in BC. Recently, knowing of my interest in the Manson Family another member of our group sent me a Manson cover originating in Ganges, BC. As a lad, I lived on Saltspring Island and was naturally intrigued. My research discovered an interesting connection between the Mouat Family of Ganges and the Manson Family of Nanaimo. Mrs. Mouat was a Manson daughter. Both families originated from the Shetland Islands, Scotland and emigrated to Canada. Mouat's set up the Mouat Trading Company on Saltspring and the Manson's opening Manson's Hardware in Nanaimo. Related immigrant Families in the same business, just miles apart. More to come on this later, as I am just at the beginning to research this new branch of these historical BC Families. Its funny how a single cover can lead to a great story. But that is the nature of our hobby. And just as important, helping each other in our areas of interest. I would have never learned of this connection without the assistance of another BNAPS Members. We have a "help wanted" area in the newsletter just for that purpose.

What's your story?

I attended a BNAPS Calgary Zoom meeting this month with the key topic being the Canada Post Letters to Santa Program. An exceptionally interesting presentation from 2 of the CPC corporate elves. They reported that CPC volunteers working diligently with Santa replied to 1,400,000 letters to Santa in 2022. Santa receives mail from many different countries and replies in 40 different languages. A large volume of mail originates from Japan where the Santa program is



incorporated into the school curriculum. If you have young grandchildren, encourage them to write to Santa and experience the magic of Christmas for themselves. Maybe they will even become future stamp collectors.

Santa Claus
North Pole
HOH OHO
Canada

We are in the process of setting up a Zoom meeting in the near term and will advise you by email on the details.

We are also planning a Regional Group meeting for September to coincide with the VanPex Show. Planning is underway. If you would like to present at the meeting, please drop me a note with your topic. Something about 30 minutes in length with 10 to 15 minutes for follow-up discussion.

Further information will be announced shortly.

Recently, we sent out a note on hosting BNAPex next year 2024. Response from the membership was encouraging with several members volunteering to assist! We are awaiting word from the BNAPS committee if we will be awarded the 2024 event or perhaps 2025. In either case, it will be an honour to invite philatelists from across Canada to enjoy all that the Okanagan has to offer.



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The objective of the BNAPS Regional Group is to promote philatelic study, sharing of knowledge and friendship with members and associates in a fun atmosphere.

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IN MEMORIUM

Ian Mowat (1934–2022)

Ian Mowat passed away suddenly on December 16th.

Ian was an organizer of the Northern Canada Study Group. Starting in March 1994, Ian—with the help of his wife Robin—published and mailed *The Northerner* and was Treasurer of the group.

He developed Gold Medal collections of both Eastern Arctic Mails and Yukon Revenues, and collected several other postal history and picture postcard topics.

Ian was born and lived his entire life in Victoria, B.C. For many years, he enjoyed hunting in northern B.C. He and Robin travelled most of the roads of the north.

He was an active member of the Victoria stamp clubs, including Muffin Break.

Ian and Robin are well known to those who attended Bob Lee's auctions in Kelowna and to the members of the Pacific Northwest BNAPS Regional Group.

An Introduction to "Stamp Printing Methods and Styles"

by Peter Newroth

For BNAPS, a broadly "North American Philately" group, I selected two pages to share in this Newsletter; both include stamps from North America.

They are drawn from an unconventional "One Frame" 16 page display prepared to support VICPEX 2022. This display was challenging for me. I enjoyed designing the content, and selecting material and stories.

New Brunswick stamps stars on both pages. The three 1851 sterling issues printed by Perkins Bacon - distinctive and intricate diamonds - are the first with this design. Perhaps their background design may be the most complex combination of engraving elements ever used - also applied in Nova Scotia stamps and later Newfoundland.

PHOTOGRAPHS AND STAMP PRINTING

Earlier pages outlined the main methods used for printing postage stamps.

For Penny Black, engraver Frederick Heath used an artist's drawing, based on a struck medal, for Queen Victoria's stamp portrait. Here I review uses of photographic images as Models used by engravers to prepare Dies, leading to stamp printing plates.

New Brunswick



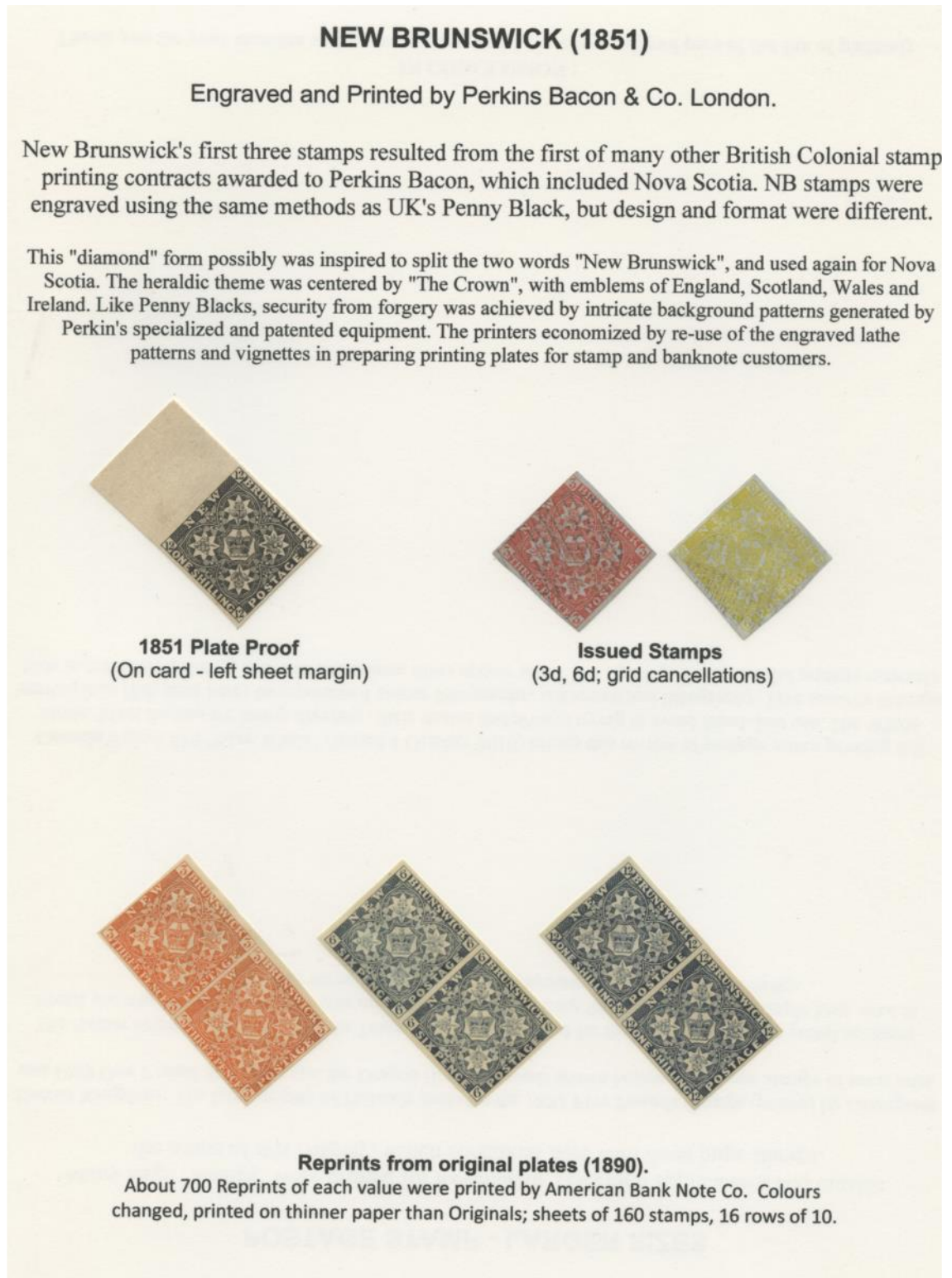
Charles Connell, Postmaster General of New Brunswick shown above, was responsible in 1860 for production of a new series of decimal postage stamps. American Bank Note Co., New York, engraved, printed and delivered five values as specified by Connell.

Queen Victoria was the subject of the 10 Cents, and Connell appeared on the 5 Cents. The Connell stamp was unacceptable to NB Legislative Council. Connell resigned, his stamp was not issued and nearly all destroyed. **My research located an ambrotype photograph of Connell in the NB Museum. Apparently a copy was the engraver's Model and the earliest use I found of a photographic image in creating a postage stamp.**

"Stamp Printing Methods and Styles" (con't)

The second page follows my curiosity about elements used in stamp design. The first incorporation of a photographic image in a postage stamp apparently was the Five Cents Connell. Unissued, this engraved stamp was prepared in 1860 for New Brunswick by American Bank Note Co. Few other postage stamps generated so much controversy, or so many stories. We may never know why NB Postmaster-General Charles Connell made this happen!

Continuing with stamp printing method "Firsts", my research indicates that photographs were also first used as models of Confederate States of America stamps printed using lithography (1861) and letterpress (1862). Also, probably a photograph of King Ludwig was the model for the first stamps printed by photogravure (Bavaria, 1914). More research is needed...and I welcome comments and suggestions.



You can see all pages at Victoria Stamps. www.vicstamps.com

Alberta Postal History submitted by Bill Aaroe

An unusual collection of Alberta Town Cancels with an unusual history. Some years ago I purchased, in auction, a large collection of Alberta postmarks. I asked the seller if he knew anything about the seller, but other than to say that he was from up north (in Alberta) he knew nothing. The postmarks are mostly small communities and date from the 1920's thru to the early 1950's. The only cover in the collection has Joseph's name on it and an address of Rife Alberta.



Fort Lake, AB A well cancelled cover likely survived because whoever accumulated the postmarks was using it to hold surplus copies of the Fork Lake postmark. It would seem that they visited the post office at some point and got the envelope covered with strikes. Those in the envelope ranged over many years so I have no idea why he accumulated so many of them as they were all the split ring hammer. Perhaps they had a reason to get lots of mail from there. The envelope's return address is suggestive given the reality of the time perhaps he was involved in labour issues. The envelope already had the US stamp removed and was ragged on the right side which I admit to tidying up. If Joseph wasn't the collector it's possible that he was a friend who simply passed along an envelope with the US stamp on it to a friend who in turn just used it for these test strikes. But note the dates don't match and don't make sense the US envelope was postmarked 1937 and the Little Fork strikes are supposedly 1924.

Abilene Alberta postmark from 1944. According to Robinson's book less than ten examples of this strike are known.



A nice example of the Innisfree Split ring hammer on piece.



This accumulation has literally hundreds of strikes mostly small communities north and east of Edmonton. The vast majority are on piece without a trace of a stamp. It makes me wonder was he a genuine pioneer in collecting postmarks or was he a faker? As the name Joseph Arseniuk, the town name Rife and the seller's comment that the collection came from somewhere up north in Alberta are the only clues this mystery is probably not solvable, but someone might know something.

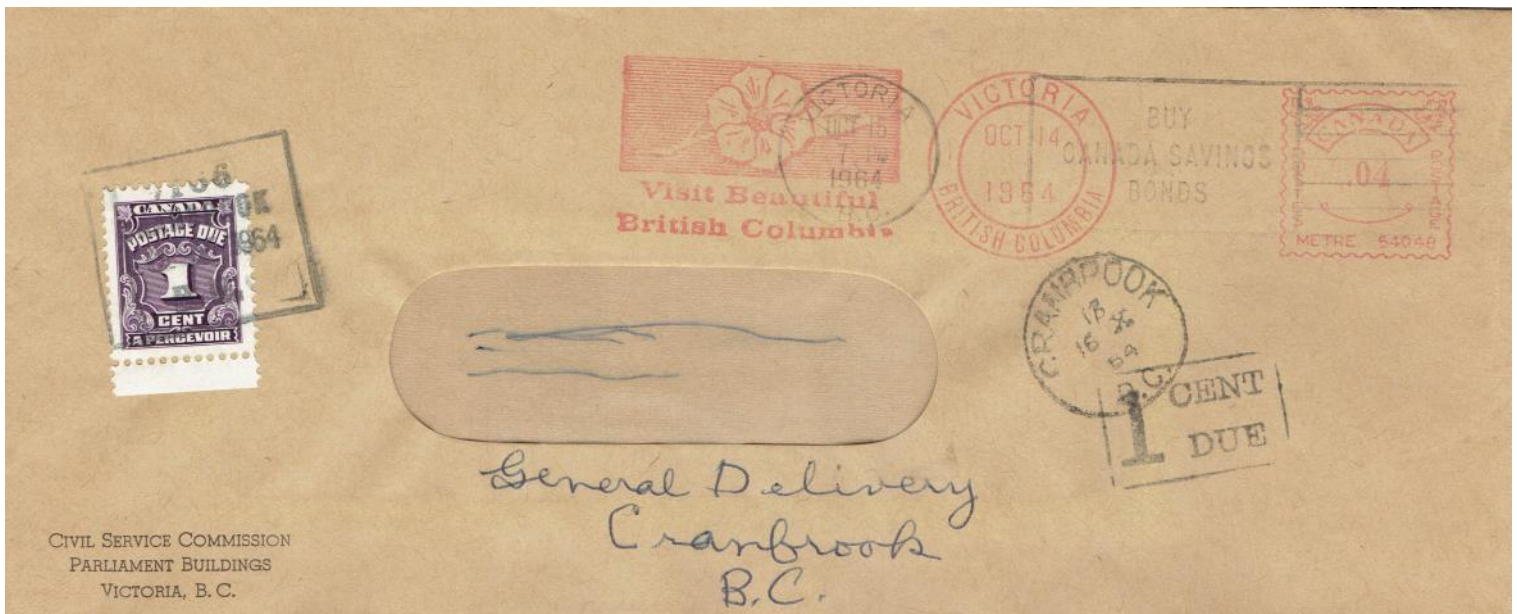
Does anyone know the name Joseph Arseniuk?

A mystery story, but it would be interesting to learn about him if indeed he created this collection. He certainly would seem to my mind to have been a very early collector of cancels. In a more general sense if Joseph Arseniuk doesn't ring any bells would anyone have information about a collector of cancels in Alberta from that time frame?

A Multifaceted Item submitted by Bill Aaroe

Sometimes I am just lucky in finding an item which rewards with several interesting aspects. Such is the cover accompanying this article. I acquired it about 4 years ago when I purchased the collection of an elderly acquaintance in Whiterock BC who, sadly, shortly afterwards passed on. This cover was not one of the items in his collection that he and I discussed which is unfortunate because he might have been able to confirm one important detail.

The envelope is franked with a common Pitney Bowes postage meter of the type Ross Irwin, in his book 'Canadian Meter Postage Stamp Catalog', identifies as type PB 5.1.3 although in this case the metre (spelling used on the postage meter itself) had a promotional die added to encourage travel to BC. This die has a nice rendition of, presumably, a Dogwood flower so would be of interest to those with floral topical interest and to those, such as myself, who enjoy such postage meter advertising. One might question the time of use given it was mid October; which is perhaps rather late in the year for tourist travel.



The postage meter was cancelled with a common slogan postmark, Buy Canada Savings Bonds, which is designated B-685 in Cecil C. Coumts book 'Slogan Postmarks of Canada: Catalogue and Guidebook'. This slogan was used by 44 post offices between 1961 and 1971, and specifically in Victoria during 1961, 1962 & 1964 - 1970. The slogan die was manufactured by Pitney Bowes who also was the supplier of the cancelling machine used in Victoria which I think is a 'Pitney Bowes - Universal Model G' cancelling machine.

The postage meter indicates that 4 cents postage was paid and so this means the item qualified for that rate either by being a 'Carrier drop letter', ie mailed at the same post office from which the carrier worked who delivered it to the addressee, or by being a 'Printed Matter' item. The 4 cent rate 'Carrier drop letter' rate existed from April 1, 1954 through October 31, 1968. If the letter was a 'Printed Matter' item a possible rate exists. Printed matter letters weighing up to 2 oz qualified for a 3 cent rate from April 1, 1964 through October 31, 1968 with each additional oz requiring an extra 1 cent during this same period.

Beautiful British Columbia (con't)

The letter was forwarded from wherever it was originally addressed to Cranbrook BC and this I think is the clue needed to identify which rate applied given the letter was assessed 1 cent postage due. If the letter turned out not to qualify as a 'Carrier drop letter' because the delivery address was now outside of the service area of the Victoria Post Office the letter would have required the standard letter rate be paid; which was 5 cents from April 1, 1954 through October 31, 1968. My assumption is that the '1 Cent Due' marking was added in Victoria, to alert the Cranbrook post office staff, at the same time as the forwarding information was added (the time-line is to my mind too tight otherwise given only two days were involved - October 14th thru 16th. That the Cranbrook post office did collect the 1 cent is demonstrated by the presence of the 1 cent postage due stamp cancelled with a Cranbrook 'MOON' hand cancel. A 'receiving' marking, a 'Simplex Hammer' with large lettering, was applied at the Cranbrook post office on October 16th which was a Friday. The Moon hand cancel's date is hard to read, but I think it is dated October 19th. If the letter was simply a 3 oz printed matter item I don't think collection of postage due would have been required.

So there you have it three distinct cancel types including a slogan, a postage meter with advertising, a postage due marking and a postage due stamp correctly used. An ordinary item, but one that certainly shows off!

COUTTS Slogan Postmarks of Canada



Catalogue & Guidebook Third Edition 2007

The Postal History Society of Canada houses a comprehensive database of Canadian machine slogan cancellations. This database was developed and is being maintained by Cecil Coutts. It contains the data contained in *Slogan Postmarks of Canada*, published in 2007, as well as much more data that has never before been published. PHSC makes it available on their website,

<https://www.postalhistorycanada.net/php/Machines/Slogans/>

as a fully searchable database.

The classification system and numbering system for Canadian slogan cancels is the copyright of Cecil C. Coutts and cannot be used in publications without his express written consent.

This publication is also available through the BNAPS Bookstore

<https://bnaps.org/books/bookdetails.php?bookid=26>

DHC-2 Historic Mail Tour 2016 submitted by Gary Fisher

The “Canadians In Flight Issue” of 5 stamps including the DHC—2 Beaver issued October 17, 2022.

This new issue stamp reminded me of our experience with the Beaver and Coril Airs Historic Mail Tour.

In the summer of 2016, myself and my wife were passengers aboard a DHC-2 Beaver on

CorilAir  

Coril Air’s Historic Mail Run tour. <https://www.corilair.com/>

We left from Tye Spit in Campbell River and headed to the Discovery Islands and Desolation Sound where mail is delivered to the post offices by air.



Some of these remote places have a population as small as twenty while others such as Big Bay on Stuart Island are considered playgrounds.

We made stops at Blind Channel on West Thurlow Island, Surge Narrows on Reid Island, Refuge Cove on West Redonda Island and Big Bay on Stuart Island. I was able to get stamp



cancellations from all four post offices and even helped carry the mail in from the plane at one stop. I enjoyed meeting and chatting with the postal clerks at the four small post offices and sharing the history of my 32 years with Canada Post.

The pilot also took us on a tour around Big Bay and surrounding places, since he was not pressed for time.

The scenery was spectacular every where we looked.

Returning to Tye Spit, we also made a visit to Coril Air's hangar and chatted with the mechanics who were working there. It was an amazing experience, and it will always be remembered as one of our favourite summer memories.





BOOK REVIEW

Newroth, Peter R. **Gerald E. Wellburn: A British Columbia Philatelist 1900-1992** (Victoria, BC: Gerald E. Wellburn Philatelic Foundation, 2022). [HE6206 .N558g 2022]

Yes, I read it. And very much enjoyed it from cover to cover. Its an easy fireside read. Well laid out in a chronological order of Gerald Wellburn's career as both a businessman and a philatelist.

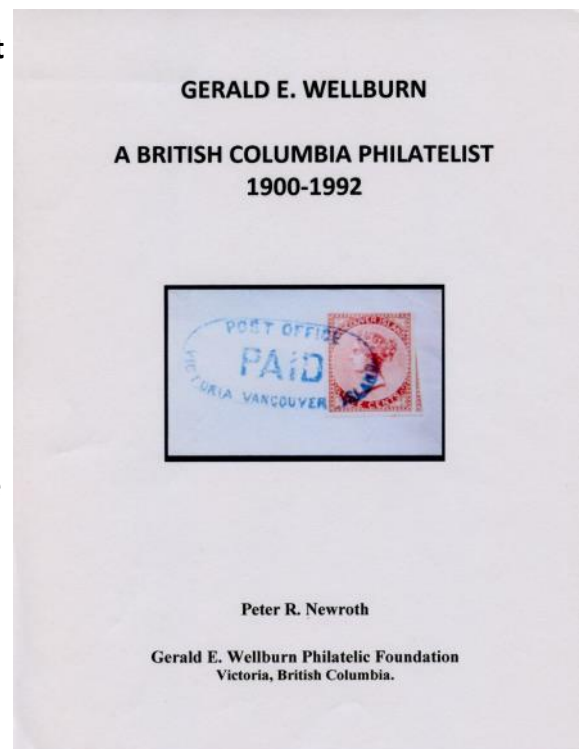
As you read through his exploits, its hard to imagine the heady days of early BC history which gave us such pioneers. The intersection of his life as a father, husband, business owner and philatelist is indeed the stories that make history.

Peter has written his treatise such that the reader feels as though he is walking in Wellburn's footsteps.

There is a piece missing. How did this man accomplish so much? Its clear from the book that he was a giant in all he touched, but just where did he find the time! I envisage a large support staff to make it all happen. And an understanding spouse.

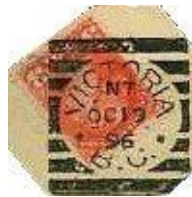
Thank you, Peter.

If you haven't read this publication, contact wellburn@vicstamps.com to purchase your copy



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<http://www.vicstamps.com/index.htm>



If you haven't visited this website, you should take some time for a tour. There is a lot of information for the resident collectors on Vancouver Island, but also for other philatelists.

There is a segment with **Special presentations and Articles** which can found at:

<http://www.vicstamps.com/displays.html>

This section provides dozens of articles and presentations by many of our best philatelists. Certainly something for everyone.

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COMMUNITY NEWSPAPER's by Mail - submitted by Bill Pekonen

Community Newspapers were the dominant social media of the past especially in rural areas. The dominant social media of today are the Internet and “smart phones”. But even today, you can subscribe to receive copies of newspapers either by mail just as in the past or by carrier delivery or digitally over the Internet.

From the postal history viewpoint, the question arises as to the cost of mailing of each newspaper and how the postage was paid in the past. The Postal Guide published by Canada Post in 1956 explains the rates which applied at that time. See fig. 1. As can be observed, different rates applied to different types of newspapers which existed.

Today, you can pay a subscription fee to a community newspaper publisher at a set monthly fee for delivery to your door by a carrier, or you can purchase copies at a newsstand. You can also have a copy mailed to you, if you live in an area where carrier delivery is not available. Many of the publishers used an addressograph machine which was used to print the subscriber's mailing address. Today, some use a computer printed label that is pasted to the newspaper or the wrapper.

Before the subscription expiry date occurs, the publisher usually sends out a renewal advisory, often including a self-addressed envelope. Figure 2 shows the flap side of one such return envelope. The expiry date is MAY / 31 / 1976. This return envelope is addressed to The Surrey Leader P.O. Box 1180, Postal Station “A”, B. C. (Fig. 3) The return envelope is dated 7 VI / 1976. Previous envelopes were addressed to the street address or to P.O. Box 100, Cloverdale, B. C. Subsequent envelopes included the Postal Code V3S 4R2.

The procedure for mailing and for the payment of postage was also different. The newspapers were sorted by local areas and then bundled. The publisher then completed a post office form to list the number of bundles; and the number of copies of the newspaper. This form was then handed in to the Postmaster. The Postmaster then calculated the appropriate costs of mailing showing the total owing. This statement was then inserted into an envelope and placed into the publisher's Post Office box for payment.

A typical completed form number 41-012 034 (6-74) is illustrated on next page. This form is dated 18-12-75. In this instance, the mailing cost of each bundle is \$1.40 (28 bundles at 5¢ each). 4,921 newspapers were charged 2¢ each or \$96.42. Non subscriber and out of town rates were also added to the applicable different rates with the total statement cost of \$100.41.

COMMUNITY NEWSPAPER's by Mail (con't)

Because of the nature of this statement form, it is very unusual to actually see one of these or earlier and later forms. The forms used about 100 years ago or more have not been seen. This statement form came into my hands because of the unusual relationship between myself and the publishers. The Editor knew of my stamp collecting interests and agreed to allow me to pick up all the opened envelopes each week. Whenever I had time, I would quickly go through the opened envelopes.

Occasionally, I would find an enclosure and then return it to the staff at the front counter. In this one instance, the form on the following page was not found until about 40 years later.

It is possible that either used or unused copies of these statement forms exist in remainders from closed post offices. And if so, these statement forms showing a different method of paying postage may be very scarce or even rare.

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We'll always remember her sense of humor and that beautiful smile

"I was on Guard of Honour, waiting for the King of Saudi Arabia, on Horseguards.

On the right flank; Scots Guard (100 guardsmen) a gap, HM The Queen, mounted in uniform; alongside her the CO Colonel Gerald, another gap, then on the left flank, the Queen's Company Grenadier Guards (100 guardsmen).

We're stood at ease waiting.

Suddenly the silence was broken by Colonel Gerald's charger erupting with horse farts at full volume for two minutes.

Embarrassed and staring straight ahead Colonel Gerald says, "Sorry about that your Majesty!"

She replies, in a wonderful voice, "That's alright Gerald, . . . I thought it was your horse!"

200 guardsmen silently cried with laughter, and tapped their rifle butts on the gravel.

From that moment, every man there adored her!"





From All Nation's March 11 2023 public auction #1400 . 2014 Greene certificate stating genuine, sold for \$6646.
 Wells Fargo cover from Vancouver Island to San Francisco 1867 with Vancouver Island #5
 Prices realized: <https://allnationsstampandcoin.com/auction-this-week/a1400-11th-march-2023/>
 For information of interest to postal history buffs, suggest you visit:
<https://allnationsstampandcoin.com/collect/>
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WANT LIST - HELP WANTED



Do you need anything for your research topic of interest? A piece of the puzzle missing? Let the membership know - perhaps they can help. Our members have a tremendous philatelic knowledge and contacts and are happy to share their expertise. Use this space as a research tool. All you have to do is ask.



Help Me -
I'm Stuck



JOKE: What gets stuck in a corner, but still travels the world?

HELP Wanted - Hawaiian Mail From BC

My name is Gary Spicer and I am located in Ennis, Texas.

I collect Hawaiian postmarks/cancels on stamps and have a few with Vancouver markings. I'm searching for information on Vancouver postmarks from the 1890s.

I don't understand how US bound mail originating in Canada could be posted to a foreign destination with stamps from the USA.

I would appreciate any contacts or directions you could provide on any possible source(s) of information on the subject .

Please contact Gary directly at his email address:

Email: Gary Spicer <gls232@sbcglobal.net>

Please cc myself as I also would be interested to learn how this use is permitted.

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