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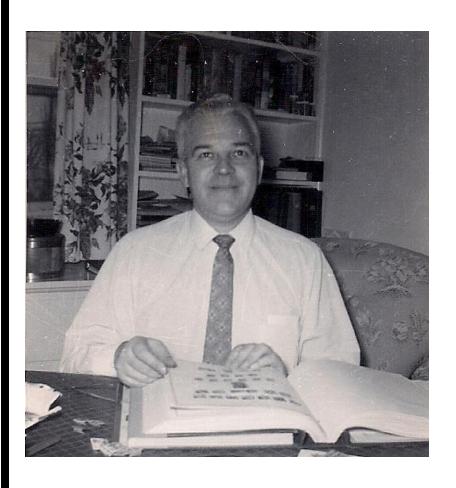
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This issue of the PhilaJournal is dedicated to the memory of John Clifford "Cliff" Rundle September 22, 1916 - March 1, 1980 Oshawa Stamp Club

A Message from the Family of Cliff Rundle

Dad was a quiet, wise and respectful man, with a great interest in history and appreciation for the widespread beauty found in nature. He loved colour and design and was very detail oriented. He was employed for 44 years by General Motors of Canada Ltd., mostly in the Oshawa Parts Department -- time interrupted only by his service overseas during WWII with the 2nd Canadian Army Ordnance Field Park. He was an avid reader, good thinker and hard worker.

Stamp collecting was the perfect hobby for Dad. It gave him a chance to sit back and take time away from his labours, while finding satisfaction in the finer things that history and nature had to offer and were so impressively captured on the face of a stamp. It didn't take much -- a little bowl of water, hinges, tweezers, magnifiers, binders and catalogues -- and a folding card table. When that table found its way out of the den closet to stand upright in front of Dad's chair, we knew that it would be there for hours on end and that Dad was "in his glory".

It was difficult to hand over the collections that Dad had put together for my mother, my sister and me. While we didn't have the same interest in the stamps that Dad had, the time, effort and thought we knew had gone into the display of each collection meant everything to us and we were unable to part with them. Our collections sat for more than thirty seven years before the decision was made to share his interest with others who would value the stamps as much as he did.

Realizing that the love and care he had put into each collection meant more to us than the stamps themselves and that with high quality photocopying, we could keep a copy of the collections intact, while still preserving and honouring Dad's efforts, we decided to sell.

Not knowing who to contact after all this time, I turned to Larry Friend, President of the GTAPA. Very quickly he found buyers, and before passing the collections along, copied every page from each collection so that my sister and I are able to still cherish and admire Dad's special hobby and gift to us.

Membership in the Oshawa Stamp Club provided a means for Dad to share his hobby with others, make contacts, trade, and expand his own collections. It was a home away from home where he found much peace and contentment. Contributing to the publication of this issue of PhilaJournal allows me the chance to give back in some small way – to say thank you -- and to pay tribute to my Dad, John Clifford "Cliff" Rundle.

The President's Viewpoint Larry Friend lfriend@sympatico.ca

Does your Stamp Collection have a future home?

Recently I was called to view, and pick-up, stamp collections prepared and displayed by John Clifford Rundle. "Cliff", as he was known, was a long standing member of the original Oshawa Stamp Club and was well known and respected throughout the stamp community and his peers.

Cliff was a very passionate collector who not only acquired many fine Canadian mint stamps for his own collection but prepared collections for each of his daughters and his wife. The collections were beautifully prepared and displayed. As a keepsake, all of the collections were photo copied for the family.

His daughter, Cynthia, approached me and asked that the collections be kept intact and put into the hands of other collectors who would carry on her dad's love of Canadian stamps. She also wanted to pay tribute to her father by donating funds to fund this issue of GTAPA's PhilaJournal.

Cynthia's request is not uncommon. I have been able to distribute many collections to other collectors to enjoy and carry on a family collection. It is very rewarding when I have been asked to do something special with a loved one's collection. Surely that is what all collectors want for their collections in the future.



In more than a few cases, I have been asked to take a page or particular stamp from the collection and frame it with a few words about the collector attached to the page. In the Rundle case, we displayed three frames, taking a page from each daughters' collection and his wife. (See sample to the left)

The youth group will also help to carry on Cliff's legacy with the large pictures of stamps on hard board that we were able to donate to them along with a few loose philatelic items.

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The Celebration Seasons

Summer and Autumn seem to be the celebration seasons for the Philatelic communities in Southern Ontario. The choice of shows to attend is extensive and I, for one, have enjoyed a couple of food focused celebrations!

Most recently, I attended the annual October Thanksgiving dinner hosted by the Fenelon Falls Stamp Club. Go to page 27 see a few photos from the evening (kitchen crew/host, Jim/speaker, Peter/happy members).

In August, representatives from GTAPA clubs travelled to Trenton for a meeting and BBQ hosted by the Trenton Stamp Club. Reps were Bramalea, Fenelon Falls, Insurance & Banking, Kawartha Peterborough, North Toronto, North York, Oshawa/Whitby, Brooklin, Troyak, Scouts on Stamps, Toronto Stamp Collectors' Club, Trenton and West Toronto!

We began the day with a GTAPA business meeting followed by presentations by Kirk Canning, from the host club, on the Hindenburg and Garfield Portch, from the West Toronto Stamp Club, on first post offices & postmarks of Toronto (York) on stampless covers. At the same time some of the "Stampless Others" were treated to a local tour and winery visit. Thanks, Tom! Later, north, on the river, Glynn did a great job on the BBQ and we all enjoyed an amazing array of desserts. See photos on page 15. (Unfortunately, they were taken before the wine tour folks returned.)

This is my last issue as editor of the PhilaJournal. I took on the volunteer position in 2011, thinking that it would be a commitment for a "few" years. Well, the years have whizzed past.....and I am ready to move on to something else. Perhaps it might even be philatelically related. Who knows? As Robert Service writes in The Stamp Collector, page 35, I might become fascinated with the hobby and "read but philatelic lore" and learn to "recognize rare items with delight." Whatever it is, I plan to enjoy it!

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Library is open Saturday, December 9, 2017 from 10:00 to 4:00 GTAPA Clubs are invited to contact the library about booking a Club visit to the HSPL. Call 416-921-2073

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Ignacy Jan Paderewski, concert pianist and politician

In October 2016, I purchased a three cover lot of mail addressed to Ignacy Paderewski, on eBay. As well as being a world renowned concert pianist and composer, he was also Prime Minister of Poland in 1919. Two of the purchased covers are shown in this article.

Paderewski was born November 18, 1860 in rural Poland where his father was an estate manager. Following musical studies in Warsaw, Berlin and Vienna, he began a 50 year international career that made him one of the best known and best paid pianists of all time. His first American tour was made in 1891 and he returned regularly until settling in the United States in 1913. He purchased a 2000 acre estate in California that he named Rancho San Ignacio.

Paderewski's involvement in politics began during World War 1 as an active member and spokesman of the Polish National Committee in Paris. Following the end of the war, he returned to the newly independent Poland and was appointed to the dual role of Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs. In 1921 he retired from politics to resume his musical career and left Poland never to return.

After the fall of Poland in 1939, Paderewski returned to public life and became head of the National Council of Poland, the Polish Government in Exile in London. He restarted his Polish Relief Fund and gave many concerts to raise money for the fund. During one such tour he was taken ill with pneumonia and died in New York on June 27, 1941.

Paderewski was initially buried at Arlington National Cemetery, but in 1992 his body was taken to Warsaw, Poland and interred in St John's Cathedral.



As well as being honored in his native Poland with schools and streets named after him, Paderewski was honored in the United States several ways. The U.S. postal services issued a stamp of him in the Champions of Liberty issue. Streets in many U.S. towns and cities are also named after him and in 1960 his star was put on the Hollywood Walk of fame.



Lyon, France to Monsieur le President Ignace Paderewski at his ranch in California 2.12.40. Forwarded to Steinway Hall, New York, N.Y.

(New York N.Y. 1941 and Paso Robles California 1941 registration handstamps on reverse.)



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In 1923, Italy issued a set of four stamps celebrating the tercentenary of the Congregation of the Evangelization of Peoples, which was founded in 1622. The stamps portray Christ preaching the gospel to the people. It was Pope Gregory XV who founded the Congregation and it is his picture in the upper left corner of each stamp. The purpose of the Congregation was to educate people regarding the Catholic faith.



Each stamp portrays a saint in the upper right hand corner: St. Theresa d'Avila on the 20 c stamp, St. Dominic of Guzman on the 30 c, St. Francis of Assisi on the 50 c stamp and St. Francesco Saverio on the 1 lire.

The arms on the bottom right show the arms of the order to which the saints belonged. The crowned shield of Savoy is shown on the bottom left. Only 200,000 sets of stamps were printed, but 150,000 sets were allocated to the Patronato Roman di Italica Gens. The stamps were on sale for three days only (June 11 to June 13, 1923) and only in Rome. They were valid from June 11 to June 30, 1923 only.

In addition, 25,000 sets were issued for Eritrea, Italian Somalia, Cirenaica, and Tripolitania, by overprinting them for these colonies. Both the 20 c and 30 c have been retouched (including those of the colonies), by reducing the ten thin lines to the right of Christ's head to 5 thicker lines.





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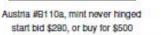


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People in the "fraternity" look out for others and often pick up interesting items. For example, while I was in Ottawa (Orapex 2017) taking down my exhibit, Epic of Vimy, two gentlemen approached me.

One commented on the deluxe proofs that I had and then provided interesting comments on types and rarity based on his research in the French post office. The other commented on the covers and while interested in the exhibit and collection, he mentioned that there seemed to be covers to the United States, Canada and France but none to Africa. He then produced the attached cover and asked I might like it to add to the exhibit. I was surprised and lost for words except to say, "Yes"! I bought it and gave him a hand shake thank you.

I have never ever seen a cover sent to Egypt. Of course now I am involved in research with RAF on Sqd. Ldr. Moore. And, I have added the cover to "Epic of Vimy" next shown at the Boucherville Royal.

If you collect something special, let others know about your collection and maybe they have something that would enhance it.



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On September 25, 2017, Canada Post kicked off its annual Community Foundation fundraising campaign with the launch of two new stamps featuring the whimsical illustration of seven smiling cats. Chosen for their curiosity and independence, these playful creatures are good mascots for strong children. Artist and designer Andrew Lewis says he chose cats for the Canada Post Community Foundation stamps because "they're cheeky, inquisitive and independent, though they will always love you and be there when you need them the most".

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A die is a small piece of metal, usually steel, but sometimes copper and very occasionally other materials such as wood, ivory or even plastic. the design is cut into the die by hand or by a combination of handwork etching or machine tooling. The equivalent of the die used for process such as photolithography and photogravure is a photographic negative produced by a special camera.

The hand-cutting of the die is a lengthy process demanding great skill and patience. As work progresses the engraver will arrange for prints to be made from the die in order to check how work is shaping. These prints are called "progressive proofs" or "engraver's proofs". They are usually unique, with multiple copies existing for only the completed design.

Samples from the work of Mr. H. Scott on the 1924 series of Guatemala.





- 1. The complete frame and portrait with all the lettering and value tablets blank.
- 2. The name panel and value tablets have been outlined in pencil and then reinforced with a brush.







- 3. The left-hand value tablet and the country name have been engraved.
- 4. Nearly complete dated proof with only the Perkins Bacon imprint missing from the base
- 5. The finished product complete with the Perkins Bacon imprint at the base.

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Another Form of Cover: "The Parcel Card"



Illustrated is a 'Bulletin d'expedition', created by the Universal Postal Union back in the 1880's to accompany a parcel and prepay its postage, express fees, and even customs charges. I found this item completely by accident, as it was listed in eBay by its destination, Hong Kong, not Switzerland.

It contains two of Switzerland's most beautiful stamps, a set of four representing the four Evangelists, as carved in wood in St. Oswald's church. The stamps had a very long life-time, although the two lowest values (3 francs and 5 francs) were soon overtaken by a definitive series, these remained current throughout the 1990's.

As a collectable, there are two schools of thought: first, it is very difficult to reconcile the value of the stamps attached to any particular parcel rate, since other services and taxes may be included; and, as some of these services are purely fiscal, the stamps may or may not have been postally used. On the other hand, the cancels used are postal and the condition of the high values is generally far better than those used on a physical parcel, subject to great wear and tear.

A "Parcel Card", more properly termed a "Despatch Note", is sent along with the parcel and frequently attached to a customs form issued by the sending country – as seems to have been the case here.

Acknowledge that the rates involved will remain a mystery. We do know:

- The sender, probably Vietnamese or ethnic Chinese, resided in Meyrin, where the postage and fees, if any, were paid.
- A carton of something, weight, 3kg., was sent.
- A parcel registration sticker at the upper right gave the Meyrin post office number, 1217 a suburb of Geneva, in fact.
- The parcel was next handled within Geneva, shown by the attached sticker '1215 Geneve 15'.
- It was also cleared of customs at the Geneva airport the following day, as shown by the boxed cancel.
- The Hong Kong post office did not attempt to get a signature from the addressee; the space for this is blank on the reverse.

However, it seems most likely that it was received; the sender asked for it to be returned in case of non-delivery and no further markings are to be found. The card was, for the record, purchased from an American seller!

The parcel card is very common in some jurisdictions and rare in others, depending on whether it was kept by the post office or released to sender or recipient. It is, for example, relatively difficult to find those used to or from Canada. But in this case, though not of much use in my study of Hong Kong postal procedures, this card offers a glorious use of my favourite high-value Swiss stamps!

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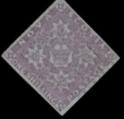


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Eighth World Jamboree Covers

The Eighth World Jamboree was held at Niagara-On-The-Lake August 18 to August 28, 1955. A stamp (Scott 356) honoring this Jamboree was issued on August 20, the official opening day. Over 150 different First Day cachets/covers have so far been identified for this event. Here are a few that are slightly different.

The cover below is "Inbound" mail to the Jamboree. It was mailed from Ancaster, Ontario on August 20, the first day of issue, and addressed to the Manager, Bank of Montreal, Jamboree Village, Niagara-On-The-Lake.



This cover was also mailed on the first day, August 20, to someone in Johannesburg, South Africa.



It is the cancellation that is interesting. It has "British Mail Office/Night Staff/Aug 20 1955/Toronto, Ont.". Was this accepted by Canada Post as a legitimate diplomatic use?

These two covers are "Postage Due" examples from the Jamboree.





Both were mailed on First Day, August 20, from the Jamboree. The first one is mailed to Hanover, Ont., while the second one was sent to Winnetka, Illinois. Both types of Jamboree cancels are shown (eg VIII 20 vs. 20 VIII), and they both received a penalty of twice the going rate of postage in the two countries (10 cents for Canada & 8 cents for the USA).

The Bank of Montreal in nearby St. Catharines decided to open a subbranch right in the Jamboree. One of their employees, Mr. Rudolph Koci, managed it. This was an excellent choice since Mr. Koci was an ex-Czech Scout and spoke six languages. The Jamboree Camp Chief, Mr. Jackson Dodds was the first to deposit some money and thus held Account #1. The first Scouts to use it were Jan Olof Tengo (Sweden), Humphrey de Vries (Curacao, Dutch West Indies) and Alan Stevenson (Kent, England).

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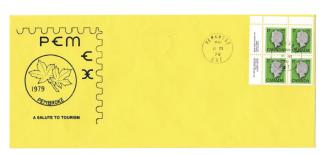
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The original mailing card was recancelled December 26, 1979 and used as a mailing label to return the developed film from CFB Ottawa to Corps de Cadets, Anjou PQ; again paying the parcel post rate of \$2.35 for 1.5 kg using a Pitney Bowes postage meter with 540000 serial block; shows Final Notice' stamp dated March 12.

This example is a Self-addressed Canadian Forces card used for mailing undeveloped photographic film in a canister from Corps de Cadets, Anjou PQ to CFB Ottawa; with circular date stamp SUCC-STN. ANJOU No. 3 MONTREAL, P.Q. December 12, 1979; parcel post rate paid \$2.35 for 1.5 kg.







PEMEX FDC cancelled

on March 8, 1979 at Pembroke Ont, was 'recancelled' on the back of the cover at Pembroke Ont on September 29, 1979 to commemorate the actual PEMEX show.



A homemade cache is attached to a cover commemorating Ronald Reagan's visit to Canada on March 10, 1981 at the Postal Museum in Ottawa. New US stamps were added and it was 'recancelled' on World Peace Day, December 8, 2005 in Washington DC - many years before presidents had orange hair.

So, now you can go through your collection(s) and look for some similar items or, spend some time in the dollar boxes at your next stamp show! Have fun!

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'Recancelled' philatelic items (Canada 17[©] definitive)

There were times in history when a word evolved to describe an item or process that was specific to the philatelic community. The words 'perfin' and 'cancel' are good examples of words became sufficiently popular to make it into mainstream. Words tweaked by prefixes such as, 're' or 'pre' to further enhance the meaning. Philatelic examples are 'reposted', 'remailed', 'precancel' and 'precanceled'.

Now, the philatelic community has another need for a particular word ... to describe the action of applying, usually at a later date, additional cancelmarkings on a philatelic item that had served its original purpose and was canceled appropriately; the additional cancel is intentional and may add value or usefulness to the original canceled item. Additional cancels may be applied to items that are postally used, or items serving a philatelic-collectable purpose.

There are many things that we may redo in life – reapply for a job; rezone a property; reboot your computer; remarry for money. In these examples, the word suggests that the original purpose was fulfilled and a subsequent action was taken that is similar in nature to the original purpose. I am suggesting, the following word(s) to fulfill this philatelic need - 'recancel', or 'recancelled' in the past tense. Neither word appears on the internet or in any mainstream dictionary; nor do they appear in the Scrabble dictionary!

I am sure most collectors have a 'recancelled' item in their collection but don't know it. The following examples contain at least one 17¢ definitive stamp, used correctly, within period of March 8, 1979 to December 31, 1981.



Postage due receipt was postmarked in Waterloo, Ontario on June 1, 1979 and sent by the post office to its intended destination. Correct postage was affixed. Then the post office did two things – applied a precancelled meter postage and a pen strike over the stamp.

Does this item depict a double 'recancel' or just a double cancel? You decide....

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The Stamp Collector

My worldly wealth I hoard in albums three,

My life collection of rare postage stamps; My room is cold and bare as you can see, My coat is old and shabby as a tramp's; Yet more to me than balances in banks, My albums three are worth a million francs.

I keep them in that box beside my bed, For who would dream such treasures it could hold:

But every day I take them out and spread Each page, to gloat like miser o'er his gold:

Dearer to me than could be child or wife.

I would defend them with my very life.

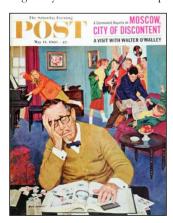
They are my very life, for every night Over my catalogues I pore and pore; I recognize rare items with delight, Nothing I read but philatelic lore; And when some specimen of choice I buy,

In all the world there's none more glad

Behold my gem, my British penny black; To pay its price I starved myself a year; And many a night my dinner I would lack,

But when I bought it, oh, what radiant cheer!

Hitler made war that day - I did not care, So long as my collection he would spare.



by Robert Service

Look - my triangular Cape of Good Hope.

To purchase it I had to sell my car. Now in my pocket for some *sons* I grope To pay my omnibus when home is far, And I am cold and hungry and footsore, In haste to add some beauty to my store.

This very day, ah, what a joy was mine, When in a dingy dealer's shop I found This *franc* vermillion, eighteen forty-nine How painfully my heart began to pound! (It's weak, they say) I paid the modest price

And tremblingly I vanished in a trice.

But oh, my dream is that some day of days,

I might discover a Mauritius blue, Poking among the stamp-bins on the *quais*;

Who knows! They say there are but two; Yet if a third one I should ever spy, I think - God help me! I should faint and die ...

Poor Monsieur Pons, he's cold and dead, One of those stamp-collecting cranks. His garret held no crust of bread, But albums worth a million francs. On them his income he would spend, By philatelic frenzy driven: What did it profit in the end ... You can't take stamps to heaven.

Although we think of Robert Service as the "Bard of the Yukon", in his late thirties he moved to France. In his "Stamp Collector" poem, the Paris background can be seen through his mention of things like "... the stamp bins on the Quais", "... Monsieur Pons" and, of course, the amount of "francs" his purchases cost. It is also evident that he wrote this in his later life, since he mentions "Hitler made war that day".

Scouts on Stamps Meeting Spring 2017

The Maple Leaf Chapter meets at various locations in Ontario, such as Hamilton, Kitchener and Niagara Falls, as well as Toronto. For a change, we met at Acton on April 23, 2017. This was very appropriate, since April 23 was "St. Georges Day", our host in Acton

was "George" (Henderson) and "St. George" was part of the Acton scout troop logo.

The logo shows four things:

- The scout fleur-de-lis logo
- The Acton Scout House
- St. George and a cow hide (Remember? "The

Hide House – It's worth the trip to Acton").

We met in the Acton Scout House. It was built in 1947 with an addition at the back built in 1971. The 1st Acton Scout Troop was one of the early ones in Canada, founded in 1910. Thus, in 2010 they celebrated their 100th birthday with a parade through Acton to the Town Hall. Tony Manson reviewed his St. George collection as a program and an auction of Boy Scout & Girl Guide labels was held.

This photo shows the attendees, including members from the "3-H Club", from Hanover, Harriston and Hamilton! Other attendees traveled from Niagara Falls, Maple and the Greater Toronto Area.



Everyone went away with great memories of the meeting and a nice selection of their auction purchases!

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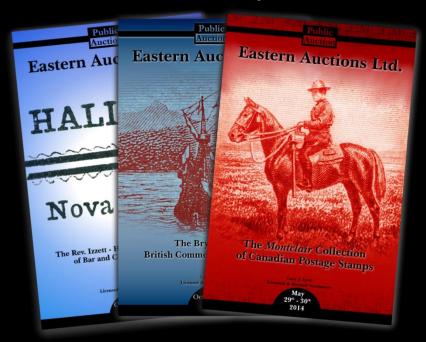
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