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By CHAS. B. HILL-TOUR, Victoria, B. C., Can.



The Post Office Department of Canada has secured the respect and admiration of philatelists everywhere by the uniformly successful designs of its postage stamp issues and the unimpeachable manner in which its philatelic activities have always been carried on. The design and workmanship of its stamp issues are recognized as among the very finest known to collectors, and the fact that they are entirely the product of Canadian craftsmen and printers lends added interest and value to the achievements.

The newest major development of the postal services of the world—air mail service—has brought into existence a distinct and most interesting phase of philately, the permanent value of which must be apparent to the most conservative collector. Canada's contributions to "aero-philately" bid fair to set an example to the other postal administrations of the world. Her air mail stamp is a chaste design, symbolic in nature and happily conceived, depicting winged genii hovering over the Northern Hemisphere, an aeroplane in the empyrean and the outline of the Dominion of Canada discernible below. The frequency with which this design has been accorded a place of honour in books and catalogues relating to air mail stamps is a sufficient indication of the admiration it has aroused on every side.

It is perhaps in the originality and excellence of design and workmanship of her air mail "cachets" that Canada may be said to lead the world. These rubber stamps which, of course, are the delight of "first flight cover" enthusiasts all over the globe have attained a degree of artistic excellence in Canada, which is little short of astounding when one considers that the medium is merely an ordinary rubber stamp, usually impressed under conditions of great haste and difficulty in a busy Post Office when the mail is being closed. Here again the achievement is entirely Canadian. The romantic and picturesque features of the country, both historic and contemporary, are being used to excellent advantage on the more recent inaugural flights. However, the fact that these cachets depict wild Indians, Eskimos, buffalo and other more or less extinct species would deceive no one who is conversant with the progressive, civilized and law-abiding democracy known as Canada, as to the conditions existing there at the present day.

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By E. J. NewCOMER.

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The old pen has got so rusty I dunno if it'll say what I want it to. But this here Cachet fever, now, has got under my hide, having come home to roost, if you know what I mean, and I got to speak out in meetin'.

The American Legion has a Convention here last week, and the boys licks up quite a lot of cannon milk, if you get me, but what I wants to get at is that Chris, the Secy. of the local Airlines, which pulls off a Air Derby during Convention, he hears about this here Cachet business, so he fixes up a fancy one and sends notice of it to the stamp papers. Thinks maybe it'll put the old town on the map and won't hurt the airmail none. Gets the P. M. in cahoots with him. Your sheet barely mentions it, along of forty others, but one of your rivals gives it the Big Spiel.

I dunno which has the most pullin' power, if you get me, but anyway, Ed, would you believe it? Covers begins pilin' in to Chris and to the P. M., and long about night before the Big Time, Chris gets snowed under and hollers to me for help. So I goes over to Chris' house, and he has the dimn' room flooded with the things. (Lucky his old woman was away). Well, we gets some of those covers separated out for the three days of the Derby, because Chris, he's up-to-date and figgers on usin' a different color for each day. And I gets busy on the dimn' table with the Cachet marker, while Chris opens some more mail, and I swats the first day with red, only part of the time it was purple, and the second day with black or blue or whatever it was, and the third day with green.

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By DOUGLAS ARMSTRONG.

The elevation to the Peerage of the Chief Scout calls to mind the storm of captious criticism nearly 30 years ago that centred round the appearance of his portrait upon one of the local postage stamps issued during the siege of Mafeking.

Ill-natured attempts were made in those days to represent this act as a form of lese-majeste. Influence was even brought to bear upon Queen Victoria herself by detractors of the hero of the hour, and for a time this threatened to prejudice his career.

Although the incident has long since been forgotten it is only recently that General (then Colonel) Baden-Powell's position has been completely vindicated by publication of the Memoirs of Colonel Herbert Greener, who was actually responsible for the designing and issue of the Mafeking stamps.

In the course of these reminiscences he declares that the local post stamps were actually prepared without the knowledge of the Commanding Officer. When a sheet was finally submitted for his approval the first question he asked was: "Why my head? What about the Queen?" It was explained that with the limited facilities at their disposal it was feared that justice could not be done to the Queen's likeness, and being occupied with more important military matters he allowed it to pass with the remark, "Well, I don't quite like it, but as you have gone so far, you had better carry on."

Undeserved Criticism

"The last thing that crossed our minds," writes Colonel Greener, "was that members of the garrison would stick these stamps on letters despatched through the post office to friends outside in addition to the ordinary postage stamp.

"This led to misunderstanding. Unkind and misguided people spread a report that they were an emergency issue of official stamps, and said unpleasant things about the Commanding Officer in that connection, which were quite undeserved. The fault—if there was any, which I don't admit—lay with Lord Edward Cecil and myself.

"I might also mention that Major (now General) Sir Alexander Godley, was asked for an independent opinion about the design, and quite agreed that it was a good idea and most appropriate for the purpose for which the stamps were required."

The Siege stamps of Mafeking are numbered amongst the most interesting and valuable relics of the Boer War. *En passant*, it may be noted that the most complete collection of these historic issues is that of His Majesty the King.

They were prepared in the beleaguered town during its investment by the Boer forces which lasted from October, 1899, to May, 1900, and are of two distinct kinds.

First we have various contemporary postage stamps of the Cape of Good Hope or Bechuanaland Protectorate overprinted "Mafeking Besieged." These were surcharged with new values which were employed to prepay letters smuggled through the enemy's lines by native runners to the North and South, between March 24 and May 17, 1900.

They were provided for use upon civilian correspondence by authority of Lord Edward Cecil, the overprints being applied at the office of the local newspaper, *The Mafeking Mail*.

The Cause of the Pother

The second series, the cause of all the pother, was a purely local affair for franking messages from point to point in the defences during lulls in the bombardment and was produced by a photographic process upon ferrocyanide paper in sheets of twelve stamps by Dr. D. Taylor.

There were two values only, 1d showing Sergt. Major Goodyear of the Cyclist Cadet Corps on his bicycle, designed by Dr. W. A. Hayes, and 3d with the head of Colonel Baden-Powell, for which Capt. (now Colonel) Greener, D.S.O., was responsible.

Following the relief of Mafeking the Siege stamps were officially demonetized by order of the Cape Government, but to collectors they remain as historic souvenirs of a gallant defence.—*Bazaar*.

the cussin'. Probly if he gets 'em back a-tall, they'll be in the "prepared for use but not issued" class.

Some birds wants signatures, no. I mean autografs, and the P. M. had autographed some, only he's a wise old bird and only autografs those addressed to young ladies. (At least, he hopes they're young.) So take it from me, boys, if you want valuable P. M.'s autografs, address your covers to your sweethearts.

And then try to get 'em back. Well, Chris, he autografs some, as Daddy of the Scheme, I guess, and then some they want the Pilot's autograf. Chris he says they ain't gonna be no Pilot, this mail's startin' by train, so he asks me to autograf those. Which I does, me never yet been off the ground. But then I were Official Pilot of the Cachet, weren't I?

Long about midnight, when the near beer give out, the covers did too, and we took stock. Had over 3000 of 'em. If that ain't Worship of the Great God Cachet, as Cap Street'd say. And for a measly little one horse Derby, I didn't even go cross street to see it. Take note, tho, boys, second day water carrier spills a bucket of suds on the landin' field, and covers mailed that day are sure to be valuable some time. Don't part with 'em. (Covers with suspicious lookin' stains was due to near beer gettin' spilled, not to near landin' in Podunk, K.)

I forget, no yarn ain't complete without a Scotcher. One guy sends us one cover with 2c stamp and three slips of paper, and writes, "Please put Cachet for each day on separate slip of paper and enclose in cover." But we gets even with him. We don't put no Cachet on the cover. Any time I produce four separate and distinct Cachets, count 'em out 2 cents, which I don't get anyhow, I'll know about it. And so will you.

We was goin' to cremate the Cachet marker with appropriate ceremonies, but the near beer was all gone and it was too darned hot to start the furnace anyhow. So I suppose by now the kids have got the wall paper all Cacheted. Say, Ed, not a bad idee. Wall paper with Your Favorite Cachet. Done in Ecru, Nude, Henna (no, the old hen's not whooped any more), and Biege. Hoping you are the same.

Yours, J.

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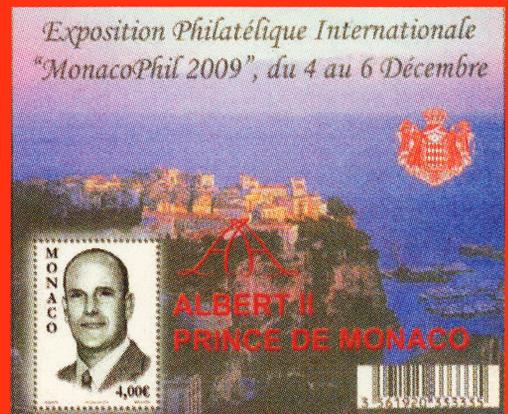
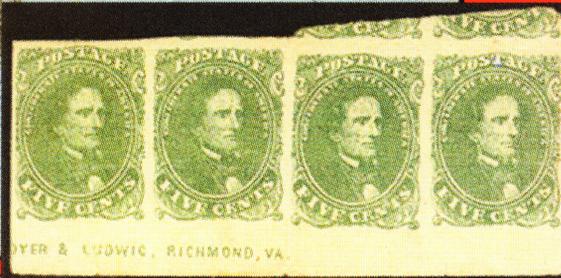
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Be Prepared For 2010 Scouting Stamp

It wasn't part of the preliminary announcement, but—no surprise—the USPS will be issuing what it calls 'a stamp of approval'. The Celebrate Scouting stamp, which will be sold in the summer of 2010, coincides with the Boy Scouts of America's 100th anniversary.

The new stamp design was unveiled November 12 during an event at the Smithsonian National Postal Museum. The design, created by illustrator Craig Frazier of Mill Valley, CA, depicts the spirit and outdoor adventure of scouting through a backpacking scout and a large silhouette of a scout surveying the landscape.

Since the creation of the international youth scouting movement some 100 years ago, hundreds of millions of children have benefited from opportunities for adventure, skill building, leadership, personal development, and community service provided by scouting organizations.

"I'm very proud to represent the United States Postal Service as we unveil the artwork for the scouting commemorative stamp to be released in 2010 and to recognize what scouting has done for boys and girls alike for more than 100 years," said USPS Sustainability Vice President, Samuel M. Pulcrano. "I learned a great many things from scouting when I was a boy, and many of those lessons came from my father who served as my assistant scoutmaster. The experience made such an impression



on me that I now serve as assistant scoutmaster for my sons' troop."

Joining Pulcrano at the unveiling event were Allen Kane, Director of Smithsonian National Postal Museum; Jim Terry, Boy Scouts of America Assistant Chief Scout Executive; Bob Mersereau, Boy Scouts of America National Director of the 100th Anniversary; Kevin Coleman, Manager, Information Policies and Procedures, USPS; Sen. Dick Lugar of Indiana; and Ernest Green, member of 1957 Little Rock Nine, who helped integrate the nation's public school system, and Honorary Chairman of the Boy Scouts of America National Hall of Leadership.

"We are grateful to the USPS for commemorating scouting's contributions to our nation for the past 100 years," said Bob Mazzuca, Chief Scout Executive, Boy Scouts of America. "To continue our tradition of service, we are honored to launch our letter writing campaign to support our troops serving overseas. Regardless of our age, we never outgrow the joy of receiving a personal letter in the mail. It is the least we can do for the service men and women to whom we owe the deepest gratitude for their service."

The new Celebrate Scouting stamps will go on sale nationwide and will be dedicated in July 2010 at the Boy Scout Jamboree at Ft. A.P. Hill, Va.

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