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Happy Birthday, Canada!

By Herb Colling

Our incredible nation is celebrating its Sesquicentennial this year: 150 years of Confederation; and *The Canadian Philatelist* is celebrating right along with it. The July August edition will be devoted to the kind of stories that give a sense of what makes our nation great. We'll talk about the battles in war that proved that Canadian troops were not to be taken lightly, that Canada could stand on its own in world affairs; no longer a colony, but a nation in its own right.



We'll review the philatelic history of our country: a look at stamps that chronicle our nation's development. We'll also have some fun along the way, talking about favourite stamps from collectors across the country, and looking at Canadian traditions that distinguish our nation, but have since disappeared.

You'll also have a chance to contribute.

Let us know, in a letter to the editor, what you think makes this country great, what distinguishes us from others, and about your own philatelic favourites. Write to Herb Colling, the editor of *The Canadian Philatelist*: hacolling@cogeco.ca and your thoughts may be chronicled in the special July August edition of the magazine, our way of saying: Happy Birthday, Canada!



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- SAUGEEN STAMP CLUB,
Tuesday June 6
- KINCARDINE STAMP CLUB
Wednesday June 7
- KW PHILATELIC SOCIETY
Thursday June 8
- OWEN SOUND STAMP CLUB
Wednesday June 21
- GUELPH STAMP CLUB
Tuesday June 20

One Page Exhibits— upcoming topics:

June: NIAGARA FALLS

July: TBA

August: Heads of State
(ie PMs, Czars, etc)

September: TBA

THE PRESIDENT'S COLUMNWALT BERRY

And the show – went on!! Thanks to all the great members of the club for what you do to promote our collective hobby of stamp collecting.

The show went off very well with the assistance of members who were able to devote the day or part of their day to do the many tasks required to ensure everyone had an opportunity to enjoy the show. **Thank you to our many volunteers!! Your dedication is truly appreciated.**

There were many super exhibits – demonstrating the passion for the range of collecting which our hobby allows – which ever direction the current trend is flowing. Donations for door prize draws were varied and plentiful – again demonstrating the support of volunteers and postal administrations.

The lunch counter was active through out the day – feeding the members / dealers & visitors – again a volunteer effort appreciated by all. Treasurer Ralph managed to pull together a range of dealers – and it is hoped each were able to make their participation worthwhile.

Note to members: the June meeting is planned to be an auction of better quality material from members who wish to find new homes for some of their treasures – hopefully this material will be fairly priced by the sellers and bidders will respect the reserve prices placed on the items. There will be an opportunity to add additional items to the auction should you have missed the bulletin publication.

Past president Peter will chair the June meeting in my absence – I will be venturing to my first Rotary International Conference in Atlanta Georgia and will have the chance to meet members of the Fellowship of Rotary on Stamps. I have heard several estimates of the number of Rotarians from around the world who have registered for the conference (attendance is expected to be somewhere between 30 and 40 thousand) Should be a great experience!!

Happy stamping – see everyone in July!

What's coming up...

See the Grand News for complete information on the following shows:

May 25-28—ROYALE*2017*ROYAL, Boucherville Quebec

June 13—GRVPA Directors meeting

July 20-23—Postal History Symposium & Show , Hamilton

August 12—Kinex 2017—Kincardine Stamp Club show



ANOTHER ‘MEASURED’ MOMENT.....Jim Measures

KING EDWARD VIII

In 1936 when King Edward VIII was King of England for less than a year, only one set of four stamps were issued for him during his reign. He had been honoured as Prince of Wales by Canada and several other colonies but never as King. The Colonies and Dominions, including Canada, all prepared stamps with Edward's portrait but none were ever issued. The British four stamp set was also overprinted for use in Morocco with various overprints indicating that they were denominated in British, Spanish, Italian or French Currency.

On December 11 1936, the front page of the Daily Herald was taken up with the story of King Edward's abdication. This included a small item stating "The existing stocks of King Edward stamps will continue to be issued until stocks are exhausted. Within a quarter of an hour of the abdication announcement, the Post Office at Southampton was raided by philatelists who purchased all of the King Edward stamps, particularly the higher denominations." Today most dealers will sell a complete set of the four stamps for \$1.00 or less. According to my 2014 Scott catalogue, the most expensive of the King Edward stamps is the 1d overprinted 10 centimos (Italian currency) for use in Morocco. Scott's price for this stamp is 55c mint and \$2.25 used.



Editor's note and apology:

*Herewith the **complete** final paragraph of the Mozambique Company article which appeared in the last Bulletin. Said article was not written by Jim Measures but rather by **Ralph Wyndham**—my apologies to Ralph for making such a mess of his excellent writing!*

Due to its poor performance and a change in policy in Portugal, Mozambique Company's charter was not renewed when it expired on July 8, 1942. According to the Governor of Manica and Sofala at the time, "[the Company] did nothing to develop the potential wealth of this entire region, preferring to plunder it and alienate the natives." The company continued to operate in Mozambique until 1961 when it became a holding company.

The June meeting will feature an auction of better material with reserves. This Bulletin includes a listing of such material as has been submitted to date. Unlisted items are welcome at the auction.

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Chapter 1538, American Philatelic Society
Chapter 21, Grand River Valley Philatelic Association

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GRVPA NEWS...

Check out the latest *GRAND NEWS* for information about our fellow clubs, and their meetings and shows.

JUNE RESERVE AUCTION LISTING

1. USA "Old Glory" booklet—20x37c stamps and 17 pages of flag related folk art **Reserve \$10.00**
2. New Zealand—2 pages of mint stamps, mostly NH CV over \$40.00 **Reserve \$10.00**
3. Ireland (Eire) - 49 used stamps 1922-1958 up to Scott#167 CV over \$200.00 **Reserve \$25.00**
4. Great Britain 249,249a,250,251,251a,275...used CV \$67.25 **Reserve \$18.00**
5. USA E4 Special Delivery CV \$55 **Reserve \$10.00**
6. France 253—Bridge used—CV \$40 **Reserve \$8.00**
7. France C5,C6 Air post MH CV \$40 **Reserve \$10.00**
8. France 311,312 Vimy MH CV \$57 **Reserve \$14.00**
9. Switzerland 201,208,2012,2019,2022-2026,2031a,2034a,2027 League of Nations OVPRT used CV \$139.85 **Reserve \$25.00**



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