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Norway 's Fish Skin Stamps

(from an article in the PhilaJournal Issue Summer 2017

By Jerry Piotrowski "Unusual Postage Stamps ")

I recently returned from a Caribbean cruise and the Captain mentioned he was born and raised in the Faroe Islands so this article struck a cord with me. Hope you find it interesting

On September 26, 2016, the Faroe Islands Postal Service issued a stamp featuring a small piece of Atlantic cod fish skin attached to it. The stamps were produced in France using skins from cod that had been caught in Faroese waters and then tanned in Iceland.



The stamps have a face value of 50 DKK (Danish Krone) and no two stamps will be identical due to variations in the scales patterns of any fish.

Atlantic cod can grow up to 2 metres in length and can weigh up to almost 100 kilos. Although tanning of fish skin has not been common in the post-war period, properly tanned skin of cod and some other fish species can often result in something that can be stronger than cowhide.

Upcoming Meetings

Saugeen Stamp Club
Tuesday December 3

Kincardine Stamp Club
Wed December 4

Owen Sound Stamp Club
Wed December 18

Guelph Stamp Club
Wed December 4
Wed December 18

KW Philatelic Society
Thursday December 5

ONE PAGE EXHIBITS

UPCOMING TOPICS

- December -

Christmas

- January -

Favourite Cover

- February -

Winter Sports

Message From the President

Winter has arrived in our catchment area – snow is on the ground and a chill is in the air.

It is a great time to renew your various philatelic activities during the time you are spending time in home and keeping warm.

Our annual Christmas gathering is fast approaching and we hope to see everyone on December third – with a tray of your favourite treats in hand, a gift for the exchange (if you wish to participate), a donation for the “Funny Money” auction and of course your accumulation of the President’s funny money. This evening has always been a fun evening – with spirited bidding amongst friends for some super new treasures for your collection.

The meeting in March will be our second time to feature a time to bring in material to sell / trade or buy with other members – during January & February promote what you have to sell or trade or want to buy. **There will not be a member auction on this evening nor a club circuit.** This could be done by placing a tent card in front of you at the meetings to encourage others to ask about your material. In reality many do not know what others have or want to add to their collection.

Also, at this time of year members are encouraged to check the weather and whether a meeting has been cancelled before heading out – many travel long distances WE WANT EVERYONE TO BE SAFE.

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Let us know your wants and needs!!

What's Coming Up

See the Grand News for complete details of the following:

January 25—Cathex, St. Catharines

February 1 - Bramalea Stamp Club Annual Show and Bourse

Another Measured Moment.....

How to get yourself fired!

In 1851 the provinces of Canada, Nova Scotia, and New Brunswick, each issued their first postage stamps and in the 1860s converted to dollars and cents rather than the British system of pounds, shillings, and pence. Therefore new stamps were required in the new denominations.

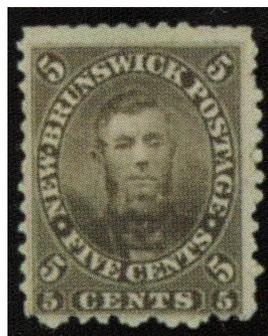
At that time Charles Connell was postmaster of New Brunswick and he ordered a range of stamps to be printed in New York by the American Bank Note Co. Included in the order was a 5¢ stamp showing Charles Connell. Due to the uproar that resulted, the stamps were never issued and Connell was fired. Some say that he resigned but, knowing a little about how governments work, he was forced to resign.

He purchased all 500,000 stamps and supervised their destruction; that is, all but a few sheets he kept to give souvenirs to some friends and family. It is also reported that when he was burning the stamps that at least one was blown away intact and collected by a young boy.

While none were ever sold for postage, a few with forged postmarks have appeared and a number of printers samples, mostly overprinted, "SPECIMEN", have surfaced.

Since my Scott catalogue lists a price of \$30,000.00 for a single copy, I have had to cut out copies from an auction catalogue to provide an illustration for this "Measured Moment".

I don't know whether Charles Connell set out to get himself Fired, however he did manage to find a unique way to do it!



Saturday May 2 2020

Saugeen Stamp Club Annual Show

Knights of Columbus Hall

963 Bruce Road 4 – between Hanover & Walkerton

Hours 10:00 A.M. - 3:00 P.M.

Door Prizes / Exhibits / Silent Auction/Dealers / Circuit Books / Lunch counter

Free admission / Free parking

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

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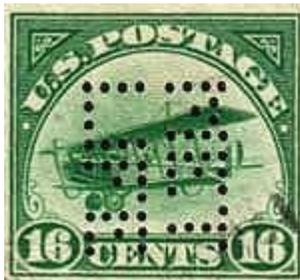
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The Stamp That Made CEOs Happy



The filching of office supplies is a longstanding employee tradition. It probably dates to the days when Babylonian scribes were swiping clay tablets and cuneiform styluses. But in the 19th century, stamps were the stolen office supply of choice. Not only could workers use them for free postage, but—at the time—stamps were sometimes accepted as payment for small purchases. To curb employee enthusiasm for stealing, companies began using perfins (short for "perforated initials" □) to mark ownership of their stamps. That way, if perfin stamps were used on private mail, they could easily be identified as stolen property. Likewise, stores would refuse to accept any stamps with perfins as payment. First authorized in Britain in 1868, perfins were introduced to America in 1908.

Coming soon: Perfins on the company Post-Its.

Submitted by Walt Berry

We' on the Web!

<http://saugeenstampclub.webplus.net/index.html>