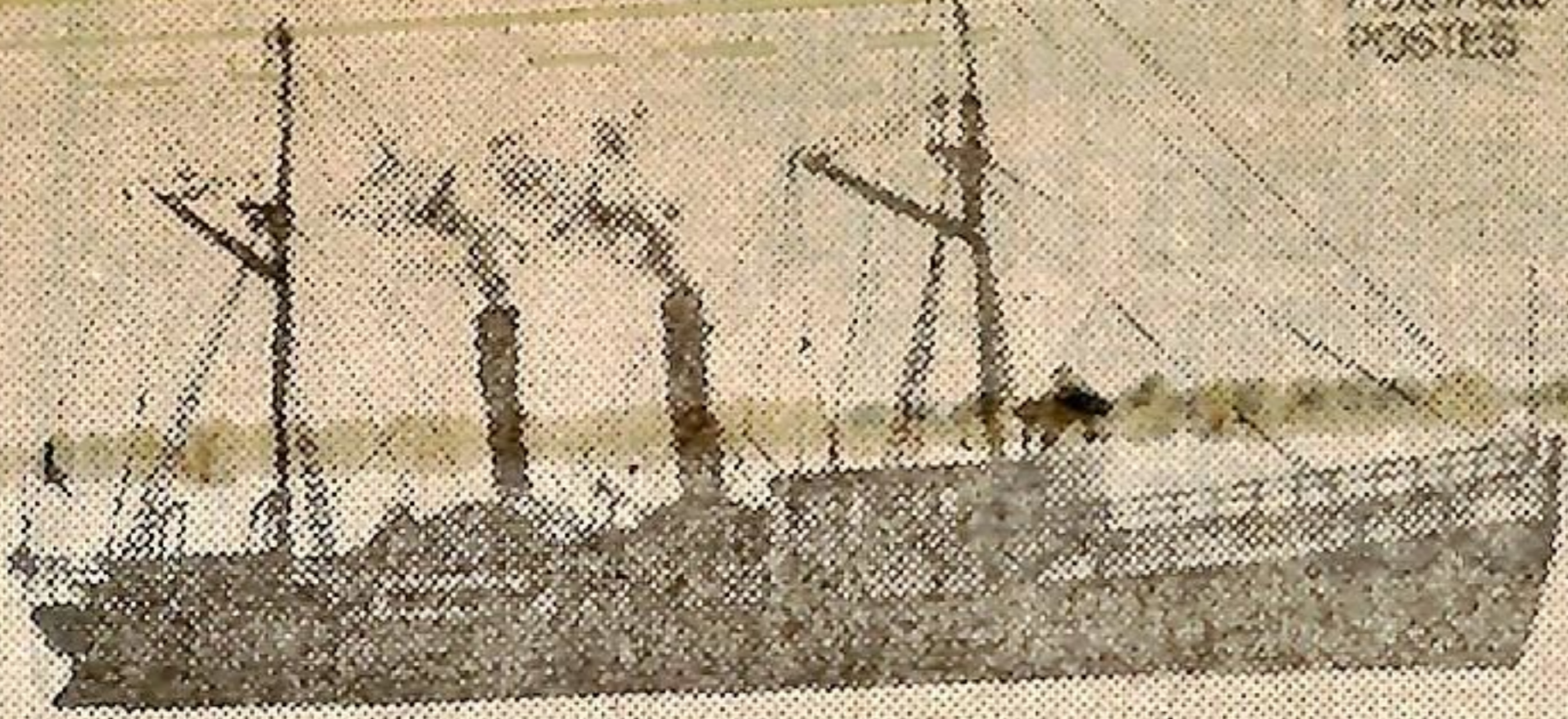


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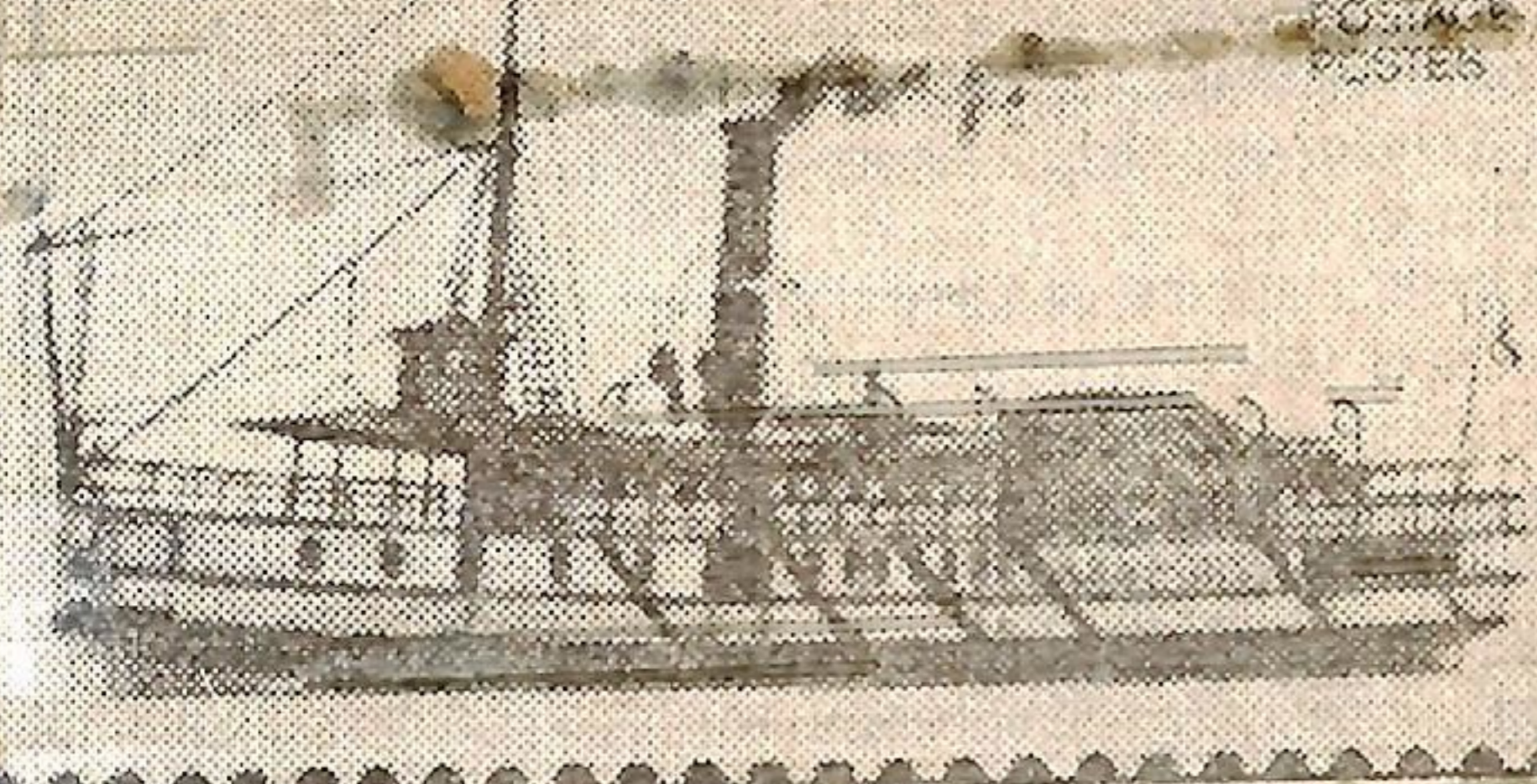
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Canada in 1976 issued 10-cent stamps to Chicora and Passport. Used copies are worth about 10 cents in stamp stores.

## Great Lakes passenger ships

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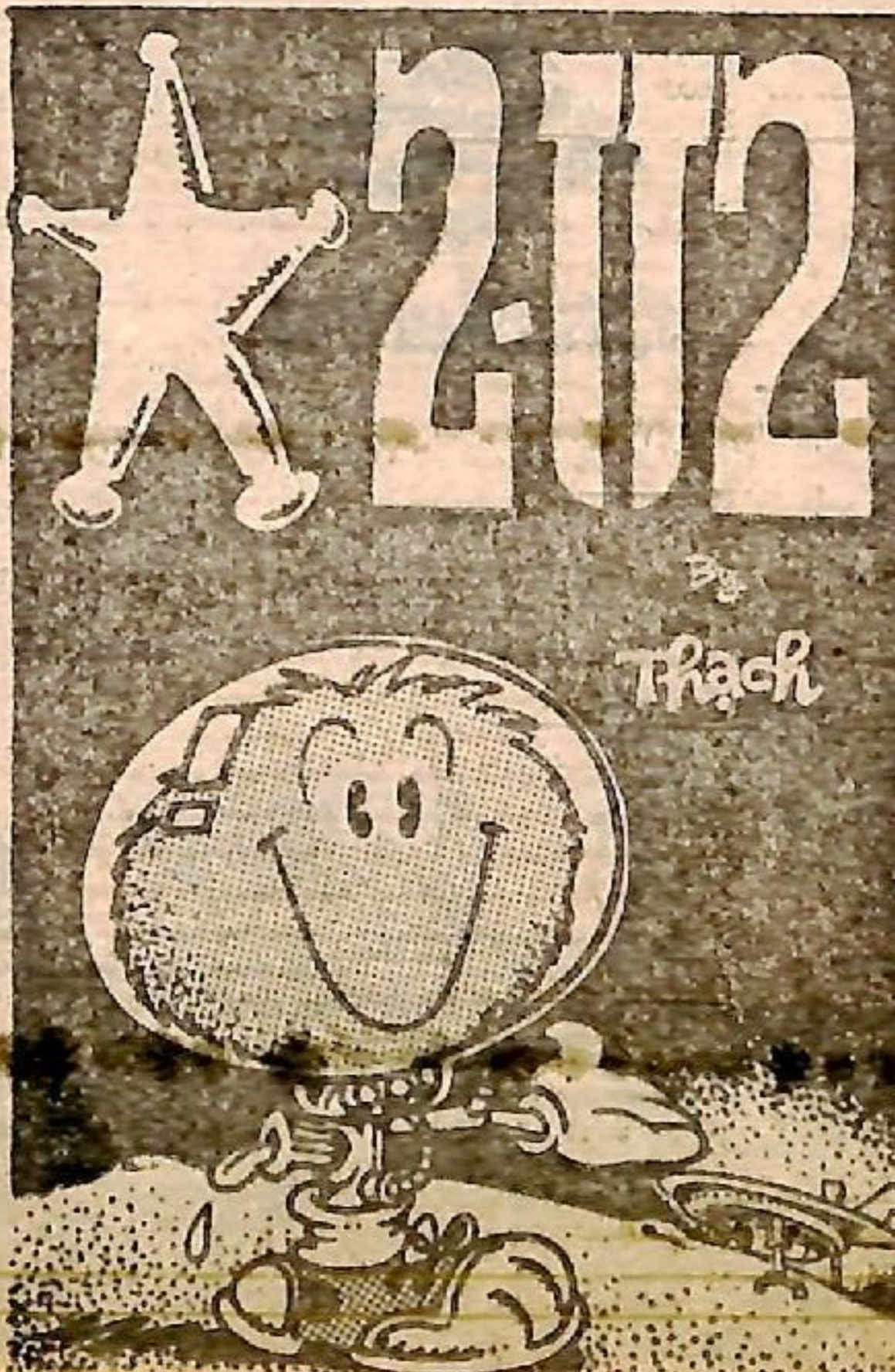
### Stamp Story

In the days before highway and air transport, passenger ships thrived on the Great Lakes, especially between ports on Lake Ontario and Montreal on the St. Lawrence River. Two such ships which made these trips from late in the 19th century till the early 1920s were the English-built Chicora and Passport.

The Chicora began life as the Let Her B, a blockade-running ship during the American Civil War, sailing for the southern Confederate forces with supplies. She often slipped through the cordon of United States warships under gunfire, but survived the war.

In 1868 the ship was cut in half and transferred to the Great Lakes where she became the Chicora. In 1870 she helped carry military expeditions to Manitoba, and in 1874 carried the Governor-General on a tour of Lake Huron and Lake Superior. In 1878 the Chicora began the Toronto-Niagara Falls passenger run. When this was finally ended with the automobile taking most of the traffic, the Chicora became a coal barge, and finally sank in Kingston harbor in 1942. The Passport was built in Eng-

land in 1846, taken apart and reassembled at Kingston on Lake Ontario for the Montreal-Toronto-Hamilton passenger service. Greatest thrill was shooting the rapids of the St. Lawrence River, the ship doing 20 miles (32 kilometers) an hour with the engines shut off. In 1897 there was smallpox on board, the ship was withdrawn from the passenger service, rebuilt, became the Caspian, and ended up in a scrapyard at Sorel, Quebec, in 1921.



## Stamps



Canadian issue: One of four stamps to be issued Nov. 15 showing Canadian amphibian aircraft.

## Amphibian planes on our stamps

By James Montagnes

Canada has been in the forefront in using airplanes for forest fire protection, and because of Canada's many lakes these aircraft have all been seaplanes or amphibian airplanes, capable of landing on water or on land airstrips. On Nov. 15 there will be two 17-cent and two 35-cent stamps showing early and modern Canadian amphibian aircraft.

The 17-cent stamps will show the Curtiss HS-2L amphibian biplane used in World War I and for many years afterwards in forest fire protection work, and the modern Canadair CL-215 built at Montreal as a water bomber and used throughout the world for this forest fire

