

## Stamps by Larry McInnis

## Stamp Journal Promises **More Canadian Content**

t least once a year I've A devoted a column to the advantages of stamp collectors subscribing to one or more of the few philatelic newspapers available.

two major weekly stamp newspapers: Linn's Stump, News, with a circulation of some 75,000, and Stamp Collector, with a circulation of about 24,000.

lications. Linn's has the largest circulation of any philatelic publication in the

world. In Canada, there's Canadian Stamp News (CSN), the country's only philatelic newspaper. It's issued twenty-six times a year.

CSN has been under attack for some years for a number of reasons, not the least of which was the charge that "Canada's only stamp newspaper" contained little if any Canadian stamp news, and often that was written by American columnists.

advertised a circulation of 24,000. Recently, circulation has not been featured, but there was no doubt it was declining. It is actually 11,000.

While there was speculation about CSN's future, it seemed to survive.

The big news came in mid-January, when it was announced that CSN had been sold. It had been published by McLaren Publications Limited, originally in Mississauga, Ont. When the recession of the early 1980s

CSN is now the property of Metroland Printing, Publishing and Distribution Ltd. of Toronto, which is a division of Harlequin Romances, which is a division of Torstar Ltd., which publishes the Toronto Star.

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