Exploration of Canada Stamp Series Continues

The second quartet of A stamps in the "Exploration of Canada" series is out and no doubt collectors everywhere are poring over sheets looking for an error, as there was in the 1986

Last year, you may recall, the stamps honored the "discoverers": the first peoples, the Vikings, John Cabot, and Henry Hudson. One Hudson stamp in the lower-right block in each sheet had a

came the darling of colectors.

This year the issue is dedicated to the "investigators": Étienne Brule, Radisson and des Groseilliers, Joliette and Marquette, and one showing a missionthe wilderness.

Much has been written about Pierre Esprit Radisson and his brother-in-law, his way to Europe, and then Chouart des Groseilliers. back to Trois-Rivières. Their dramatized story was featured in one of the earliest Canadian TV serials, in

Radisson was born about 1636, perhaps in Paris. What is known, is that in 1651 he was at Trois-Rivières. There he soon learned about frontier life the hard way: He was carried away by Indians in 1652, escaped, was recapary preaching to Indians in tured (and paid a painful price for his escape), was adopted by an Indian family, escaped again in 1653, made

> By 1660, he and des Groseilliers had returned to Quebec from the Lake Su

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fined for trading without a licence.

By 1665, they had learned enough about the interior of the country to take their knowledge to the British, which led to the founding of the Hudson's Bay Co. in 1670.

Less is popularly known about Étienne Brûlé, an carlier explorer sent by Samuel de Champlain in 1610 to live among the

The reason he was sent is less known than anything change for an Indian that Champlain took back to France.

It was the beginning of a grizzly end for Brulé. He lived with and like an Indian for the next five years. He was captured and tortured in 1616 by the Iroquois, but survived to do further exploration around the Great Lakes until he met his end in June 1633 near Penetaguishene, Ont., where he was murdered and eaten by

English and French, during his former friends, the perior area with a load of pink blob of color that beabout Brûlé: He was given to the late 1950s. furs. Their reward was to be the Hurons in 1610 in ex-OUTDOORPOWER EQUIPMENT Pam Lowes, Representative,
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