

Topical collectors happy with lighthouse stamp

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It's impossible for even the richest philatelist to keep a world collection anymore. Last year alone, some 7,000 new stamps were issued and the number increases each year.

This has forced many collectors into specialties and thematics, also known as topical.

Canadian stamps are among the most popular in the world with

collectors. Anyone reading the philatelic press in the U.S., the U.K., or as far away as Australia, cannot but notice the number of dealers selling Canadian material, and wanting to buy.

Topical collectors seek stamps on a theme, or single subject. For example, Lew Waller of Pointe Claire, Que., has put together a prize-winning collection on waterfalls of the world. He's also written a book on the subject.

Canadian stamps have been a goldmine for topicalists, with the series on ships (Scott 670-3, 700-3, 744-7, 776-9) or aircraft (Scott 843-6, 873-6, 903-6, 969-71) immediately coming to mind.

Canada has just added four more stamps that will make topicalists jump with joy: a set of 32-centers marking old Canadian lighthouses.

One stamp features the first lighthouse built in Nova Scotia (and

perhaps in the country). It was built between 1731 and 1734 to mark the entrance to Louisbourg, the giant French fortress on Cape Breton Island, near present-day Sydney.

The lighthouse was severely damaged during a 1758 bombardment by the British. The fortress fell, and the following year British forces went on to capture Quebec City and bring an end to French rule in Canada,

except for the small islands of St. Pierre and Miquelon in the Gulf of St. Lawrence.

Another stamp shows the lighthouse at Ile Verte (Green Island) on the St. Lawrence River at the mouth of the mighty Saguenay River. It was built in 1809 and stands today.

Canada's Great Lakes waterway system was honored with the June 26 stamp marking the 25th anniversary of the 1959 opening of the St. Lawrence Seaway (Scott 1015). It was honored the same day with a U.S. stamp.

The system is further honored with a stamp in the lighthouse set. It shows the lighthouse at Gibraltar Point on Toronto Island. It's the oldest existing lighthouse in the system, built in 1808. It stands today, maintained as a historic site by the City of Toronto.

The fourth stamp shows Fisgard lighthouse at the entrance to Esquimalt Harbour, just outside Victoria on Vancouver Island.

The lighthouse was built of brick - between 1858 and 1860. Not only is it still standing, it's still in use. It's preserved as a historic site by Parks Canada.

Esquimalt, in case a few of you didn't know, is the site of Canada's major naval base on the West Coast and is home for the Pacific fleet.

The lighthouse stamps are from paintings done by Dennis Noble of Toronto. He showed the lighthouses as they might have looked when built.

Project art director was Ken Rodmell, also of Toronto. He provided the type design.

Ashton-Potter of

Toronto was the printer, putting out 21 million stamps.

These are the first Canadian stamps to feature lighthouses. Aircraft have been featured on a large number of Canadian stamps; those I have mentioned here are part of special transportation series issued over a period of four years.

A 12-center issued Sept. 16, 1977 (Scott 739) is an example of a stamp that could be used in several topical collections. It shows Sir Sandford Fleming in the foreground, a bridge across a river with a

train on it in the background.

The stamp could be in a collection with a topic of bridges, also trains.

Fleming mapped the route for the intercolonial railway, so it could also be in cartography, and perhaps others.

Fleming designed Canada's first stamp, the famous 1851 three-penny beaver. So No. 739 could well be in a collection of stamps on stamps.

LETTERS
Letters are invited. Please send enquiries to the writer at P.O. Box 40, Beauharnois, Que., J6N 3C1.

Major atoms take two

This past weekend the Little Lake BP Major Atoms played two exhibition games and won both of them.

The first game was a 2-1 victory over Penetang's Major Atoms.

For the first period and a half, Penetang carried the play to the Midland boys, but with some strong goaltending by Dean Scott, kept

the Penetang team off the score board.

Midland jumped out in front at the 6:53 mark of the first period with a goal from James Kranz assisted by Adam Bougeious.

The second period was scoreless but in the third period Penetang tied the game up by a goal from Adrian Maurko, but with 9 minutes left in the game

Sean Rourke scored assisted by Ryan Deschambault proved to be the winner.

On Monday, Oct. 8 the Major Atoms travelled to Owen Sound for their next game.

This game was a complete turn around for the Midland team.

A good majority of the game was carried by them but only came away with a 2-1 victory

goals from Ryan Deschambault and Adam Deacon gave the Midland team the win.

The coaching staff at this time would like to thank all players that tried out for the team and didn't make it. Hope to see you back next year.

The Major Atoms next exhibition game will be this Sunday at 2:15 p.m. against Barrie.

Upsets aplenty in Rec Hockey

The Midland Recreation Hockey League season got underway Monday night at Centennial arena and if the first games are any indication of how w

The Midland Recreation Hockey League season got underway Monday night at Centennial arena and if the first games are

any indication of how the season will go, there will be plenty of changes in the standings.

In the first game, Barrelworks outscored Top Hat Amusements in a high scoring affair, 10-7.

Scoring for Barrelworks were Wayne Hammett with a

hat-trick, while Tim Merkley, Paul Robillard and Todd Lalonde each scored twice. Jeff Dunn scored the other mark.

Robillard also collected five assists. Scoring for Top Hat were Brian Roi with three, Claude Archer netting two and Rick Storey and Terry Thoms scoring once each.

In the second game of the night, Kim Ormiston's two goals helped Bandana Construction past Hebner's Taxi 6-4.

Paul Hayes, Jeff Wright, Bob Bray and Dale Woods notched singles.

Fred Wallace, Ross Cousineau, John Swales and Jim Patchell replied for Hebner's.

On goals by Ken Mitchell, John Lemieux, Paul Dennis and Andy Zurawski paced Performance Sports to a 4-3

victory over Garm's Mufflerworld.

Bruce Guthrie scored twice and Paul Lagreve netted the other for Garm's.

The final game of the evening saw the four time league champions, Olympia Sports suffer a 6-4 loss at the hands of the CKMP 1230's.

Brian Phillips scored two goals for CKMP, while Lefaive and Ralph Seeman scored single markers.

Warren Duckworth had two goals in a losing cause, with Rick Lefaive and John Wright netting the other Olympia goals.

B-ball refs. needed

Central Georgian Bay Board of Approved Basketball Officials are looking for new referees.

A clinic will be held on Sunday, Oct. 14 at Innisdale Secondary School in Barrie.

beginning at 12 noon.

Both new and experienced officials are invited to attend the clinic.

For further information, contact Chester Graham at 526-7817.

ELMVALE MINOR HOCKEY ASSOCIATION

Friday, October 12

Novice - 7 p.m.; Atom - 8 p.m.; Peewee - 9 p.m.

Saturday, October 13

Bantam - 1:30 p.m. to 3 p.m.; Midget - 3 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.; Juvenile - 4:30 p.m. to 6 p.m.

Obituary

Herman Duquette

The late Herman Duquette of Dufferin Street, Penetanguishene, died suddenly in Toronto General Hospital on Sept. 26, 1984 at the age of 65 years.

Mr. Duquette was born in and grew up in Lafontaine and lived in Scarborough for 20 years before returning to Penetanguishene some 10 years ago. He had been employed at the Mental Health Centre since his return to Penetanguishene.

His funeral was held in St. Ann's Memorial Church, Penetanguishene, on Sept. 29, 1984, with Rev. R. Jacobsen officiating. Interment was in St. Ann's Cemetery, Penetanguishene.

His pallbearers were Jules & Gary Duquette, Charles & David Lutz, Donald Asselin & Tim Twitchin (all nephews). Surviving him are his

wife Mrs. Rita (Dorion) Duquette of Penetanguishene, his son James of Ajax, his daughters Margaret McBride & Barbara Robinson, both of Midland, his father Celestin Duquette of Penetanguishene, his

brother Bert of Perkinsfield, and his sister Rita Asselin of Penetanguishene.

He was predeceased by his mother Alexina (Deschambault) Duquette.

He is survived by five grandchildren.



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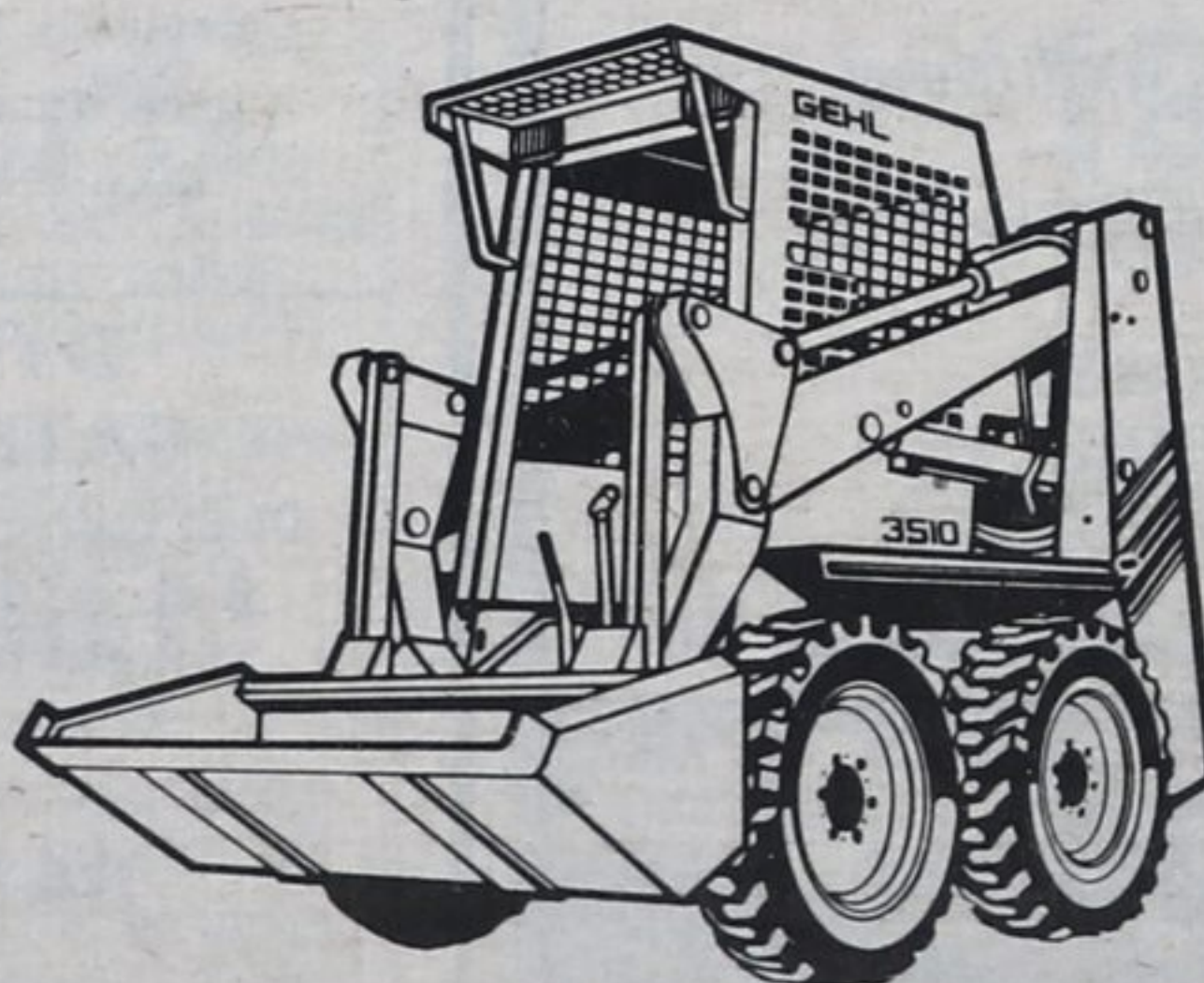
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