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## April stamp to honour writer

by LARRY MCINNIS  
To err is human; to forgive is, well divinely the Canadian way, as a 34-cent stamp to be issued April 14 illustrates.  
The stamp honors the 250th anniversary of the birth of French-Canadian writer Philippe Aubert de Gaspé, Oct. 30, 1786.  
De Gaspé is best remembered for his novel, "Les Anciens Canadiens" published in

1862. It tells of life in French Canada in the 18th and 19th centuries and is described as an historical romance.  
But wait. Shouldn't the author of an historical romance be a young person?  
Well, not necessarily. De Gaspé was in his 77th year when the novel was published. It was an immediate hit and even today is considered the first important book of French-Canadian fiction.

So what had de Gaspé been doing all those years before he became the French-Canadian literary equivalent to American painter Grandma Moses (honored on a U.S. stamp issued May 1, 1969, Scott 1370)?  
De Gaspé came from an old, established seigneurial family. He studied law under the renowned Jonathan Sewell and was admitted to the bar in 1811. It was in 1811 that he

began to practise law and that he married Susanne Allison. They subsequently had 13 children.  
Only five years later, in 1816, he became sheriff of Quebec City, an important position in a place where there was Napoleonic Law and not much British Common Law.  
In those days, many feared the sheriff because he was a main person between debt and debtor's prison.

other literary beings.  
In 1866, his memoirs were published. A third work, "Divers" was published in 1893, long after his death, Jan. 29, 1871 at Quebec City.  
The quite attractive stamp, in four-color lithography, shows Aubert de Gaspé with a scene from his book, "The Debacle", as though he were examining it in his mind.  
The design is by Yves Paquin.

De Gaspé was to learn about it first hand.  
De Gaspé was fired as sheriff in 1822 because he kept "faulty accounts." He left Quebec City to live at the seigneurial family home at Saint-Jean-Port-Joli, a few miles up the St. Lawrence River.  
Times for him were relatively tough, it seems. He was in debtor's prison from 1838 to 1841.

It took a special Act of Parliament to effect his release.  
De Gaspé, despite debtor's prison, does not seem to have been totally impoverished. Following his release from prison, he spent his summers at Saint-Jean-Port-Joli and wintered at Quebec City.

It was at this time that he became a frequent visitor to Octave Cremazie's bookstore, a hangout for French-Canadian writers and

If you want to be a hit at the spring meeting of your stamp club, you can point out what hardly anyone knows: The depiction of Philippe Aubert de Gaspé is a faithful rendition of an engraving in "Histoire des Canadiens-français", Volume VI, by B. Sulte, published in 1882.  
It's in the Public Archives of Canada.

There are some other interesting facts about this stamp: It's printed on Rolland paper, a Canadian made coated-one-side paper for lithography, which may see the end of the imported papers from Harrison and Clark, except for future stamps printed through the engraving process.

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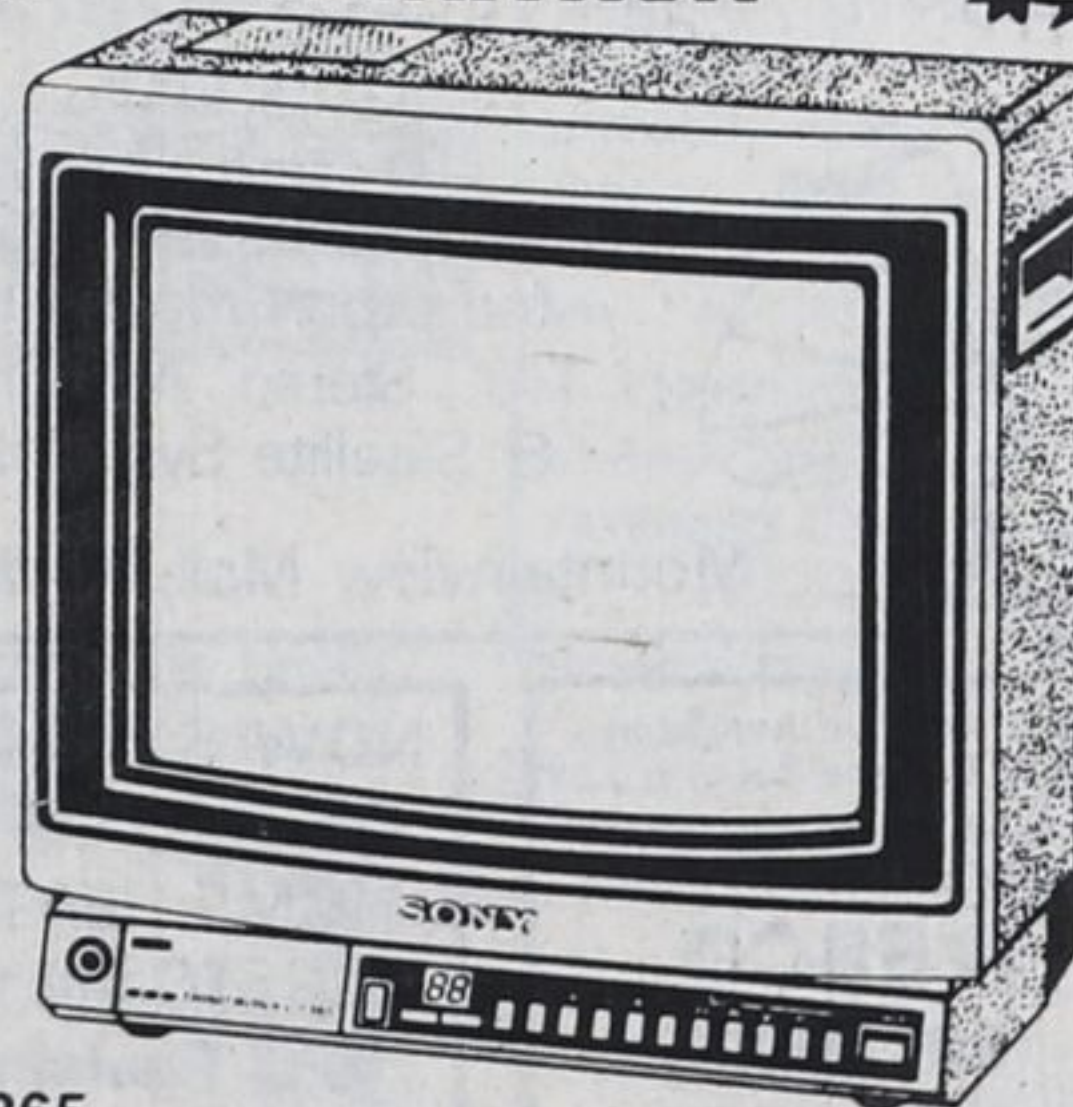


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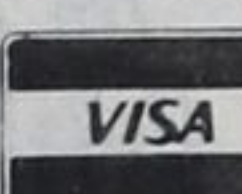
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