

# Timmins Stamp Club Column

### Postal Pageant of Greek History

More than 3500 years of Greek history are spanned by the new series of postage stamps issued by Greece. The complete set consists of 17 values, ranging from 5 lepta to 100 drachmas, of which the 1, 3, 8 and 100d stamps, each bearing the portrait of King George II, were released in advance in January, 1937.

the god at mortals who incurred his wrath.



On the 40L value is illustrated a coin of the Amphictyonic League. This was a union of ancient Greek city-states, the word meaning "dwellers together." Precursor of the present League of Nations, its chief purpose was to promote peace among its members. Most important of its ordinances were those which prohibited any member of the league from making war upon another or interfering, in times of war or peace, with the water supply of any other member.



The design of the ireaco, entitled "Taurokathapsia" ("Bull-baiting"), recalls the fact that bull fighting was a favourite spectacle and ceremonial sport with the ancient Greeks. They were a highly-civilized race, and discoveries of stoves, bathtubs, and elaborate drainage facilities in the ruins of their palaces indicate that four thousand years ago the Greeks were as insistent upon comfort and hygiene as we are to-day.



Illustrated on the 10L stamp is a beautiful multi-coloured fresco from the ruins of a palace in Tiryns, on the mainland of Greece. This wall painting, which was made about 1500 B.C., shows a lady of the court, dressed in rich robes, bearing an offering to the gods.

Reproduced on the 20L stamp is a bronze statue of Zeus (or Jupiter, as he was later called by the Romans), the supreme deity of the Greeks. This statue, entitled "Zeus Keravnios" ("Thundering Zeus") dates from about 750-500 B.C. What appears to be a large cigar in the hand of the thunderer is presumably a bolt of lightning for it was supposed in those days that the lightning was hurled in person by

One of the greatest of Greek athletic heroes, Diogenes of Rhodes, is recalled by a painting reproduced on the 50L stamp. Diogenes, who lived about 400 B.C., was the mightiest of Olympic boxing champions, and boasted a record of never having lost a bout. The painting shows him, an old man, beaming with paternal pride as he is carried aloft on the shoulders of his sons, who have just upheld the traditions of the family by vanquishing their opponents in the Olympic games. To a man like Diogenes, present-day pugilism would be mere child's play, about as strenuous as a game of bean-bag, for in his day boxing was a rough-and-tumble contest of brute strength in which anything but biting was permitted, from gouging eyes to pulling hair, including bone-breaking and strangling holds. To make matters worse, the men fought entirely in the nude and used their bare knuckles, although upon occasion they would arm their fists with strips of rawhide, called caestus, which were often knotted and loaded with iron or lead! (The writer prefers boxing gloves, thank you!)



The famous Venus of Milo, one of the loveliest and best-known pieces of statuary, is reproduced on the 80L issue. This art treasure which dates from the second century B.C., was found by accident in 1820 on the ancient island of Milo and portrays the Greeks' conception of the mythological goddess of love and beauty. It is the famed armlessness of this lady of which the playwright Noel Coward spoke when he admonished a little girl "not to bite her fingernails because look what happened to the Venus de Milo."



On the 2d stamp we see a reproduction of a painting of the battle of Salamis, which occurred in 480 B.C. and ranks with the greatest naval battles of history. The Greek ships, although outnumbered two to one, defeated the fleet of their enemy, the Persians, and administered a crushing blow to the aspirations of the Persian warrior, Xerxes, to rule over Greece.



To students of Greek sculpture, the name of Phidias stands above all others and no review of ancient art would be complete without reference to this great master of sculpture. Thus we see on the 5d stamp a reproduction of the frieze which is executed for the Parthenon, a temple erected about 440 B.C. and whose ruins are now one of the landmarks of the city of Athens. The portion depicted here is entitled "Procession of the Pan-Athenians" and shows a state chariot being drawn by a pair of spirited horses. Many of the statues which Phidias made for the Parthenon were destroyed during the Greek-Turkish War of 1821-33, as the Turkish soldiers used these priceless works of ancient art for target practice, as if they were clay pipes at a shooting gallery!



The 6d value reproduces a bas-relief on the sarcophagus of Alexander the Great, and shows this famous conqueror defeating the Persians at the battle of Issos in 333 B.C. This was one of the many defeats (including the famed battle of Marathon) suffered by the Persians in their repeated onslaughts against ancient Greece. Had it not been for these courageous Greek warriors, the Persians would certainly have overrun Greece and all Europe, and changed the entire course of human history.

Bringing our philatelic history of Greece down to the Christian Era, the 7d stamp portrays Saint Paul preaching to the Athenians at Aros Pagos, or Mars Hill, in the year 54. According to Acts 17: 22, 23: "Then Paul stood in the midst of Mars Hill, and said, Ye men of Athens, I perceive that in all things ye are too superstitious. For as I passed by, and beheld your devotions, I found an altar with the inscription, TO THE UNKNOWN GOD. Whom therefore ye ignorantly worship, him declare I unto you."



The 10d issue shows the interior of the Temple of St. Demeter at Saionica, erected in the 4th century.



The age when Greece was a part of the Roman Empire is recalled by the 15d value, which reproduces a painting depicting the conquest of the infidel Arabs at the gate of Constantinople by the great Roman Emperor of the East, Leon III, in the year 718.



From the 15th to the 19th centuries Greece was under Turkish rule, suffering the tyranny and oppression of the Ottoman emperors. In 1821, however, there began a long war of independence, which ended in the establishment of the independent kingdom of Greece in 1833. One of the battles of this war was waged in 1824 at the island of Psara off the Turkish coast. The heroism of the Greeks on this occasion has been immortalized in the painting entitled "Glory" which, portraying the winged and white-robed goddess of victory, is reproduced on the 25d stamp.

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### Twenty Years Ago

From The Porcupine Advance Files

Twenty years ago there was a particularly large attendance at the regular monthly meeting of the Timmins Board of Trade, and the session was a specially interesting and useful one. Among the matters dealt with were: The endorsing of the Halleybury Board of Trade's resolution to the Department of Mines, asking that prospectors be not required to do two years' work on claims this year, but that 1917 work be done in 1918 and an extension allowed for 1918 work; it was decided to get in touch with other boards of trade in regard to the fuel problem, so as to avoid trouble in the coming winter; the matter of increasing production was dealt with, and Messrs. Simms, Macpherson, J. W. Reed, the president, Dr. McInnis, and the secretary, H. C. McDonald, were appointed a committee to deal with the matter.

At the court of revision on the assessment roll 10 years ago, there were 65 appeals, of these 15 being against income support or on the grounds that the appellant was not assessable at all. Most of the appeals were not sustained. The chief complaint made was against the practice of assessing married men, whose families were elsewhere, on the basis of single man in regard to exemption.

An agitation being conducted in one of the Toronto newspapers against the mining laws of the province, The Advance in 1918 suggested that before the government made any changes that the real prospectors of the North be consulted. It was pointed out that the agitators previously had succeeded in having changes made that did not prove advantageous.

"With the wind blowing at the rate of about 60 knots per hour," said The Advance of May 15, 1918, "an alarm of fire was sent in to the fire hall at Timmins by telephone on Tuesday afternoon before 5 o'clock. The fire team was on the job with the hose wagon and driver and some of the firemen in such record time that the fire chief just managed to catch the wagon—and that is going some. The team started off at the great rate but it was soon found that the fire was at Schumacher. A shack there had caught fire but was soon extinguished by local fire-fighters, without much damage being done."

One of the many cases before the police court 20 years ago created much interest and amusement. The Advance made the following reference to this case celebre: "It was the case of the rooster, the Chinaman, Mr. Assad, of Schumacher, and Mr. Cook. Mr. Cook appeared for the rooster or for the Chinaman, and he apparently attempted to claim that the rooster was improperly charged with bigamy. 'The moral in this case,' said Mr. Cook, 'is that a man should stay at home and not be running around with the chickens.' On the complaint of Mr. Assad, Constable Rayeroff placed the rooster under arrest at the Chinaman's place. Mr. Assad said it was his rooster, and the Chinaman claimed it was his own dear bird. In court, a lady from whom Mr. Assad purchased a rooster, swore that this was the same bird and she would know it anywhere. Mr. Cook could not see how anyone could tell one rooster from another. He did not himself pretend to be sure it was a rooster even. The magistrate dismissed the case saying it was getting too technical for him, and advising the rooster, the Chinaman, the lawyer and the complainant to all go to Halleybury and settle the dispute with the judge there."

The construction of a road into Deloro was halted by The Advance 20 years ago with the following paragraph: "Automobilists and others who have run over and over the road to the river until they are tired, and the road to South Porcupine until they are sleepy, will be delighted to learn that there is a new road that will bear travelling upon in this district. This is the road into Deloro to the Gold Lake mining camps. It has been graded and stumped and is now in

The present ruler of Greece is King George II, who was restored to the throne in 1935 after having been in exile for two years while the country made an unsuccessful attempt at being a democracy. Portraits of George, appearing on the four stamps issued in January, 1937, appropriately round out this postal pageant of Greek history which reminds us once again of the fascinating way in which postage stamps tell the story of the world and its peoples.

good condition, and will furnish a new auto route for autos and carriages. Prospector John Jones says that the scenery is magnificent and that all the black flies are stationed too near the camps to bother those using the road.

The Timmins Red Cross Society did great work in April, 1918, the total work turned out including: 168 pairs socks; 26 suits pyjamas; 30 kit bags; 67 personal property bags; 48 towels; nine sheets; six pillowcases; 308 handkerchiefs; 23 washcloths; two quilt tops; 27 bed socks. The supply secretary was Mrs. Lowe, and the treasurer, Mrs. Dodge.

Schumacher Red Cross Society's report for April, 1918, as presented by Mrs. G. E. Leggett, secretary, showed that thirteen cases were shipped to Toronto, containing 48 suits pyjamas; 48 pairs socks; two sweaters; three scarfs; five trench caps; 34 filled comfort bags; 63 sheets; 314 pillow cases; 132 hemmed handkerchiefs; 680 towels. Total value, \$656.28.

The following were among the local and personal items in The Advance 20 years ago: "Mr. J. W. Noseworthy conducted the services in the Presbyterian Church on Sunday and gave two thoughtful and inspiring addresses." "Mr. E. A. Terrill left last Wednesday evening to join the Royal Air Force in Toronto." "Mr. Digby Grimston took a gang of men into the Lightning River district this week to do prospecting and development work on his claims there." "Mr. J. M. Cauley, of Timmins, has enlisted for overseas as a locomotive engineer. He formerly was employed by the Algoma Eastern Railway, running out of Sudbury." "Mr. S. R. Croft's motor boat was sunk in the river last week." "A new mill is to be built at the river by the Wallingfords." "S. T. Rizzuto (Tony), formerly proprietor of the Ideal Rooms, is over from Erie, Pennsylvania, on a visit."

### Kiwanis Charter Night at Rouyn and South Porcupine

Two new Kiwanis Clubs in the North are soon to observe their Charter Nights. These two new Clubs are the recently organized ones at South Porcupine and Rouyn. The Rouyn Club Charter Night will be on Tuesday evening, June 7th, and the South Porcupine Charter Night on Thursday, June 9th. Many from the Timmins Kiwanis Club are planning to attend the Rouyn Charter Night as well as the South Porcupine event.

### Bush Fire Causes Loss of Lumber at Larder Lake

Kirkland Lake, May 25.—A fire, which spread from the bush, destroyed the lumber piled on the property of Roza Brown, at the west end of the town of Larder Lake last week. The fire had gained a good hold when first noticed and proved stubborn to both Larder fire department and forest rangers.

The lumber had been carted during the last few weeks from Mrs. Brown's house on Government Road at Kirkland Lake, which had been demolished to make way for a large store. It was arranged in large piles along the highway.

It was not known what investigation would be taken into the alleged burning. The fire had started in the low scrub, a short distance from the lumber, and had swept down on it.

So dense was the smoke blowing across the highway that automobiles had difficulty in passing. Leaping flames also added to the dangers.

The work of tearing down the Kirkland landmark attracted much attention last week. Crowds of curious idlers gathered as final work of tearing away the 12-year-old house was completed.

Peterborough Examiner.—The Toronto Star, which could not tell the Maple Leafs how to beat Chicago is now editorially advising the Chinese how to beat Japan.

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