



Stamps by Larry McInnis

Stamp collecting teaches not only geography and history, but the importance of being observant.

That's what I tell anyone who will listen. I've heard a hundred lecturers at school stamp clubs say the same.

After all, if you're not observant, you'll miss that great error that we all seek, the one that will bring untold wealth.

This came to mind recently as I was going over a number of Canada Post philatelic bulletins giving details of recent stamp issues.

I noted that the monetary value printed on the stamps- face, as it's referred to in philately- did not include the word *cents* or carry that little *c* with a stroke through it.

A discovery, I thought. This hasn't been announced. Is it a sneak trial run?

I recalled the big brouhaha in American philatelic circles when it was announced in 1984 that, starting with U.S. issues in 1985, only the figures would be shown- no *c* (the Americans didn't use the stroke through it).

Is Canada imitating the U.S. yet again, I asked myself.

My quick research knocked me for a loop, I must confess.

The first Canadian stamps to show only a figure were issued a quarter-century ago, in 1962. Don't let the catalogue numbers confuse you, because the five-stamp set actually began with the October 3, 1962, issue of a 5-cent stamp (Scott 405), followed by a 1-cent (Scott 401) and 4-cent (Scott 404) on February 4, 1963, and a 2-cent (Scott 402) and 3-cent (Scott 403) issued on May 2, 1963.

The set is known as the Queen

Elizabeth 11 "Cameo" issue, because the main design is the Queen's head in cameo.

All the other 1963 issues had *cents* or *c*.

On March 11, 1964, a 7-cent stamp showing a jet airliner over an airport terminal (Scott 414) was issued- showing only the number 7.

Was that the end of it?

Not quite. Two stamps were issued on October 13, 1965, as the Christmas issue, a 3-cent and 5-cent (Scott 443 and 444) with an American -style *c* (no stroke) following the number.

That was the end of... except for stamps with the value of \$1 or higher; these carry the dollar sign.

What about the words "postes" and "postage"?

There's no hard and fast rule, it seems. The 36-cent Queen's cameo definitive will carry that inscription. Yet four new issues in the "Heritage Artifacts" definitive series, issued May 6, do not.

The two 34-cent stamps issued Sept. 5, 1986, (Scott 1108-9) called the "peacemakers of the frontier" issue, have "postage/postes" as part of the design.

And that's the way it goes. The stamps of the lighthouse series in 1984 carried the inscription, but the train series of 1983 to 1986 did not.

Try as hard as you might, I don't think you'll come up with any pattern. Surely even a computer would be baffled.

Surely no one really cares. Yet back in 1950, it was a really big issue.

On November 15, 1949, a five-stamp set was issued (Scott 284-8) showing King George VI.



Two of every species

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for a very short time. The incident occurred during a heavy downpour on Sunday, July 12. Photo- Ken Lusk.

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There was a difference: there was no "postage/postes" in the inscription.

The reaction was almost immediate, with the opinion being expressed by some that this stamp issue was a denial of the bilingual character of Canada.

Letters

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This week in fire

Statistics are essential to fire control management teams. Utilizing numbers and causes of fire illustrates the requirements for deployment of resources to prevent further occurrences of man-caused fires.

It also outlines the manpower, aircraft and equipment needs with timber resources required for silvi-culture.

Statistics for Canada are outlined as follows:

Agency	# of fires	# of hectares burned
Ontario	1226	68,623
Alberta	707	24,898
Quebec	672	19,020
Saskatchewan	614	111,008
Manitoba	385	78,559
New Brunswick	356	971
Newfoundland	127	9,342
N.W. Territories	76	77
P.E.I.	26	85
Yukon	61	58
Parks Canada	57	52
Nova Scotia	310	473
British Columbia	1,368	14,327

Average l.o. of hectares per fire	
Ontario	56
Alberta	35
Quebec	28
Saskatchewan	181
Manitoba	204
New Brunswick	3
Newfoundland	74
North West Territories	1
Yukon	1
Parks Canada	1
P.E.I.	3
British Columbia	10

The United States has reported 37,334 fires burning 393,792 hectares. It is interesting to note, by Ontario statistics, that last year 725 fires burned 136,181 hectares while this year there were a greater number of fires to date with approximately half the number of hectares. The disastrous effect on employment, resources and the economy through these timber losses outlines the role that forest fire prevention is

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The Terrace Bay Swimming Pool Staff are happy to announce an "Early Morning Swim" - Monday to Friday from 6:30 - 8:00 a.m. starting Wednesday July 15th. "Refresh Yourself" with the people who know how to start their day off Right.

**TOWNSHIP OF TERRACE BAY
NEW TOURIST INFORMATION BUREAU
REQUIRES
Tourist Information Bureau Staff**

These positions involve organizing and co-ordinating a Tourist Information Bureau in the Recreation centre
-Curling club this summer. Job descriptions are available at the Terrace Bay Recreation Centre Office.

RATE OF PAY: Supervisor - \$5.00 per hour
Councillor(s) - \$4.00 per hour

If you are interested in submitting an application, the deadline is **MONDAY, July 20th, 1987.**

Applicants are required to submit a letter of application as well as a resume to:

Terrace Bay Recreation Office
P.O. Box 460
TERRACE BAY, Ontario
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If further information is required contact **Dean Main** at **825-3542.**

Winnie's Scribbles

By Winnie Campbell

Visiting Jack and Marg Handel were daughter Linda and Peter Christie from Deep River and Adelaini (sister) and Dick Sheedy from Petawawa and neice Gerry Jardine from Thunder Bay.

Our deepest sympathy to the Bryers on the passing of Tina. She was a resident of Schreiber a few years back. Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Pearson attended the funeral in Marathon.

Visiting Ann Etches is Lilian Kells and Elsie Robertson (her sister) from Clifton, St. John, N.B.

Get well in the hospital to Mr. Murphy and Nellie Molinski, Inez McCuaig and Mrs. McBride.

Mrs. Isabelle Cenerelli from Kitchener is visiting Mom Juliette Nicol and brother Gerald.

Happy Birthday to Mrs. Fischer in Terrace Bay. Her family invited here to the camp at Walkers Lake here for a supper. Congratulations.

A memorial service was held at the United Church for the late Mildred Darcy. Rev. Hunt con-