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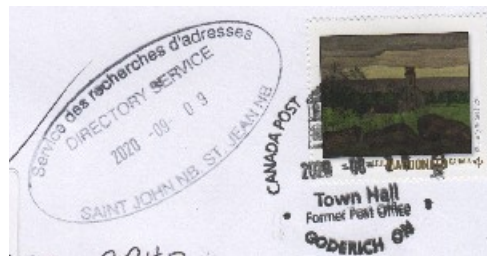
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A Letter from Ralph — An Interesting Cover

When addressing my latest copy of the Bulletin, Dave made a typographical error in my postal code thus accidentally creating an interesting cover. When the automatic sorting equipment could not sort my letter, it was shunted off to "Directory Service" in Saint John, NB, as shown by the large oval hand stamp.

You will notice that the person processing my letter wrote "Woodstock area" on the cover which was subsequently scribbled out. There happens to be a Lockhart Mill Road (no 'S') near Woodstock. My road is Lockharts Mill, with an 'S'. It looks like the person who handled my letter realized their error -- or the potential for confusion -- after making the notation. I am nearly 50 kms north of Woodstock ... could that be considered as being in the Woodstock area?

I have never seen such a hand stamp before so, obviously, I was not aware that there was a "Directory Service" desk or section at Canada Post. Have any of our members ever seen or received a cover bearing this or any other marking from "Directory Service"? I would be interested in hearing about it.



Upcoming Meetings

Saugeen Stamp Club
Cancelled

Kincardine Stamp Club
Cancelled

Owen Sound Stamp Club
Cancelled

Guelph Stamp Club
Cancelled

KW Philatelic Society
Cancelled

Check with the club
before going to its meet-
ing. It may be cancelled.

ONE PAGE EXHIBITS

UPCOMING TOPICS

NEXT MEETING -

Design a stamp
(see details pg 2)

NEXT MEETING + 1 -

Airmail

NEXT MEETING + 2 -

Flowers

NEXT MEETING + 3 -

My Favourite Stamp

Message From the President

Prescription for a Laugh

Just a line to say I'm living, that I'm not among the dead;
 Though I'm getting more forgetful, and more "mixed up" in the head.
 For sometimes I can't remember when I stand at foot of stair,
 If I must be going up for something or I've just come down from there.
 And before the frig, so often, my poor mind is filled with doubt.
 Have I just put food away or have I come to take some out?
 And there's time when it is dark out with my nightcap on my head.
 I don't know if I'm retiring or just getting out of bed.
 So, if it's my turn to write you there's no need in getting sore.
 I may think that I have written, and I don't want to be a bore.
 So remember I do love you and I wish that you were here,
 But now it's nearly mail time, so I must say goodbye dear.
 There I stood beside the mailbox with a face so very red,
 Instead of mailing you my letter I have opened it instead.

Author Unknown

*Just a little
 reminder that it is
 only Covid brain
 and not senility or
 dementia setting
 in.*

Thoughts from the desk of an old curmudgeon – Dave Pugh

Now that you have cleaned up you collection/accumulation of duplicates, you may consider the use of the clubs sales circuit books. First and foremost you have decided to dispose of some of your duplicates.

Now is the decision as to which ones, the catalogue number and the price you would like, "not the price shown in the catalogue". If you are trying to make money, you are defeating the purpose of the sales books, do not over price. The reasonable priced articles will sell resulting in empty pages and funds returned to you to spend on your collection. After all, all you are trying to do dispose of your duplicates. We are all trying to promote the hobby, not the investment, if priced too high, interest will be turned away.

We are all not experts on everything stamps, in describing, be as honest as you can, do not over describe, the buyer may be more knowledgeable than you on any particular item.

When placing stamps on the pages, I have noted that some stamps get damaged while in the circuit by the way they are mounted. Single small definitive type stamps should be mounted on the spaces closest to the inside and outside edges, larger commemorative type stamps are safer mounted in the middle positions. Blocks of four or more can be mounted with more than one hinge or in a glassine to protect the block. Do not over tape and back should be accessible to view.

Mint stamps are a matter of choice as to how to place in the circuit books, by hinge, depleting their value or with mounts, check with the circuit manager as to his preference and what works best. Pricing

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What's Coming Up

All shows for the next few months are cancelled

Another Measured Moment.....

Coffee

If you are like me, you have trouble getting started in the morning until you get that First Cup of Coffee. I was happy when the doctor told me that I should not drink black tea, because the tannic acid in tea was hard on my ulcer, as I didn't like tea anyhow.

The coffee shop has become a focal point for many societies, and in 2005 New Zealand chose to issue a set of stamps, shaped like coffee cups, to honour these gathering places. They chose to call this issue "Café Culture". We Canadians certainly recognize that the "Tim Horton's" coffee shop has become a prominent feature of Canadian culture, and the drive-through is always busy with customers obtaining their coffee. So common is this that the expression "a double double" has become instantly associated with coffee, and Tim Horton's coffee in particular. It was interesting that when Tim Horton's started to open cafés in the USA, they found that Americans didn't use the drive-through nearly as often as Canadians. Just another thing that is unique about Canada.

The New Zealand stamps were issued in sheets of 25 self-adhesive stamps as well as strips of the 5 values. As with most modern issues, mint stamps were readily available by ordering them from the Post Office, however the used stamps are quite a challenge to find. In my collection, I am still looking for the 90c value used.



If anyone has a good used copy of this 90c stamp, I would gladly exchange a Tim Horton's double double for it!



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Everyone stay safe and healthy 'til we meet again

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mint is also a bit of a problem. If priced at or above their actual issued value, it is unlikely that they will sell, unless the buyer is desperate after looking for quite some time.

Remember to lightly hinge your material, the newer hinges do not peel very well, and to get rid of the residue, you or fellow collector may have to re-soak the item to clean it up, each soaking of a stamp likely damages the paper, ink and colour.

Covers should be placed in a protective glassine and mounted in such a way so as the back of the cover can be seen. If I am interested in an item priced at more than a coffee, I want to see the whole item, not just the front face.

Your fellow club members are looking forward to seeing your duplicate stamps in the circuit when we can meet together again in the next few months, after all, with Covid 19, what better way to spend some of your time.

Stay safe, happy sorting, mounting and pricing.

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