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Thoughts of an old curmudgeon, maybe #9

By Dave Pugh

I mentioned in my last epistle that I would explain in simple terms the 1968 – 1970 Canada Straight Edged Commemorative Issues.

My first thought is, if you collect this particular Issue series and you only keep the specimens with four sided perforations, you have missed the mark. You may want to reconsider your keepers for the following 13 issues, as there are stamps for each issue that are scarcer than the perforated items. I do hope I have cleared it up in the following paragraphs.

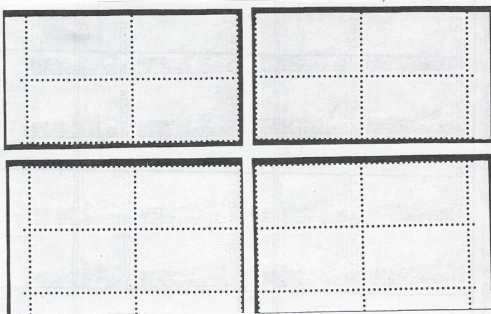
The thirteen issues were as follows: 482 The Nonsuch , 483 Lacrosse, 484 George Brown, 490 Curling, 493 "ILO" International Labour Organization, 494 Alcock and Brown Flight, 495 Sir William Osler, 499 Charlottetown Bicentennial, 504 Stephen Leacock, 507 U.N. Biological Program, 512 Henry Kelsey, 515 Louis Riel, and 517 Sir Oliver Mowat. All thirteen were printed by the British American Bank Note Company in Ottawa.

During this same period of time there were also straight edge definitives, these particular issues were also printed by BABN and need further explanation, so we are not dealing with them in this article.

The first three issues had perforation of 10.0 and were Canada's first introduction into comb perforations. The remainder of the ten issues had perforations of 12.0 x 12.5 or 12.5 x 12.0 depending on the orientation: landscape or portrait.

There was a variety of papers used from plain for most of the issues, to some being printed on dull papers and other on hi-brite papers, and maybe a mix of two during the print run (ILO). The stamps were usually engraved one colour with additional colours added by photogravure where needed. There is no indication that any of the issues were tagged.

Now to the issues themselves, all were issued in panes of 5 X 10 = 50 stamps as



Philatelic Stock

Philatelic Stock or Counter Stock, as mentioned earlier and in either landscape or portrait format depending on the design.

First are the Philatelic Stock with selvage on three sides of the pane, Plate Blocks No. 1 was printed in the selvage at all four corners and these panes of 50 stamps had a single straight edge on one side of the panes always the long side of the stamp, which resulted in five stamps per pane having a straight edge (5 / 50) either top or right side, and 45 stamps having

four sides perforated (45 / 50). This resulted in two different stamps per pane.

Second are the Counter Stock panes of fifty stamps. Each pane had three sides with stamps having straight edges. The fourth side of the pane had selvage and was always on the long side of the stamp, which could be landscape or portrait,

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Upcoming Meetings

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Saugeen Stamp Club
Tues May 3

Kincardine Stamp Club

Owen Sound Stamp Club
Zoom Auction
First Wed

Zoom Meeting
Third Wed

Guelph Stamp Club

KW Philatelic Society

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

ONE PAGE EXHIBITS

UPCOMING TOPICS

MAY -
Airmail

JUNE -
Flowers

JULY -
My Favourite Stamp

AUGUST-
Fables

Message from the President

Thank You!! We have been able to return to in-person meetings after a long hiatus caused by the Covid 19 pandemic.

We have been faced with certain situations of staying home and away from friends and family for a long 25 months – people are creatures which require social interaction with others for their social wellbeing. Hopefully we have never had to go through restrictions as such and will never be faced with another pandemic in our lifetime. Everyone was required to do what had to be done to stay safe and well.

The opportunity to resume in-person meetings came at a great time for the Saugeen Stamp Club – the club requires a volunteer to step forward to replace Treasurer Ralph who relocated to New Brunswick. Please consider taking up the position....

Secondly, our annual show is scheduled for May 7th and there must be some planning to get it off the ground. Members did step up for many of the things which will ensure a good show – THANK YOU everyone. Donations are required for stocking the lunch counter (sandwiches, drinks, tarts, muffins etc.). Donations are needed to provide suitable items for door prizes – Volunteers are needed on the day of the show to assemble the frames in the morning and take them down at the end of the day. Some of the dealers may require a bit of help to get their material into the venue. Many hands make less work for all.

With that said, I personally do not believe the threat of the pandemic has passed yet. While many locations are rolling back the restrictions, everyone must do what they believe to be the right thing to keep well and safe. It may require people to limit activities to small groups, stay home, wear a mask or get a booster shot. The important thing is do what YOU believe is the right thing to stay healthy and safe.

There is a second in-person meeting planned for Tuesday May 3rd – plans for the show will be discussed. There will be an auction so bring along some small coin cash.... the individual taking the auction cash would appreciate your consideration.

Please do what must be done – stay well and safe.

Saturday May 7, 2022

Saugeen Stamp Club Annual Show

Royal Canadian Legion
505 Scott St Walkerton
Hours 10:00 A.M. - 3:00 P.M.

Door Prizes / Exhibits / Dealers / Circuit Books / Lunch Counter
Free admission / Free Parking

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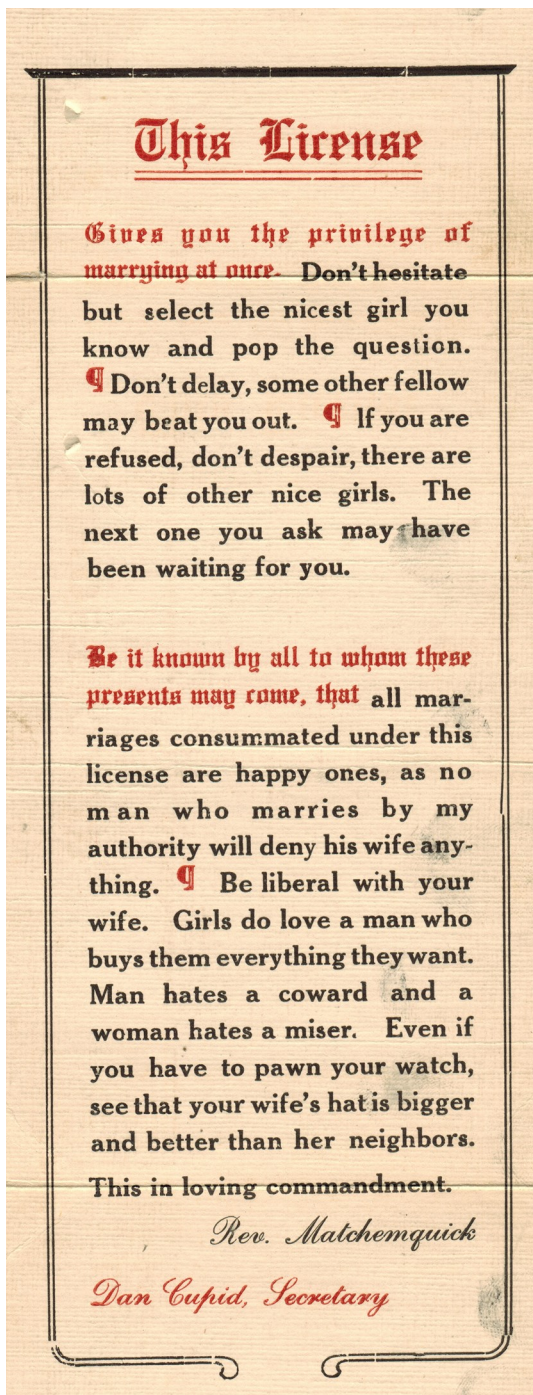
***New
Location***

Another Measured Moment.....

An Interesting POST CARD

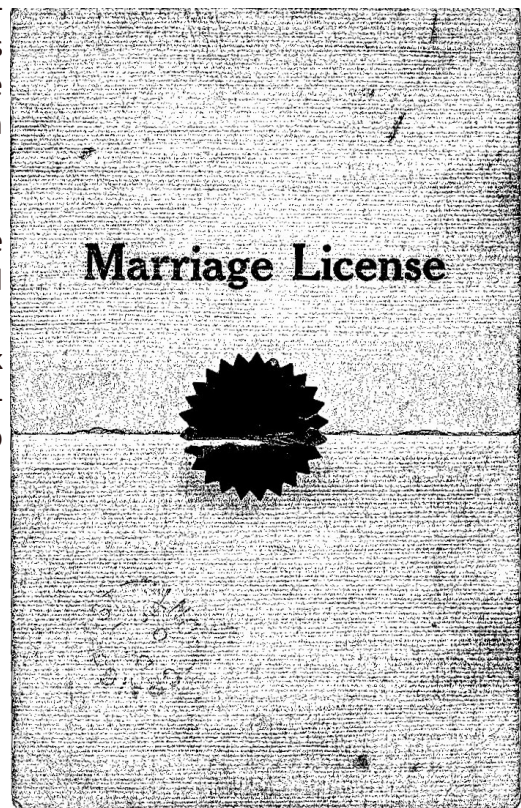
Many old postcards pass through the hands of us stamp collectors, sometimes to just soak off an old stamp; however it is sometimes a surprise what we see if we take time to read the message.

The item under consideration was mailed from Elmvale ON to Craighurst ON in 1909 and bears a 1 cent King Edward stamp. On the reverse it states "Marriage License". The card folds out to show the following:



The Postcard is folded and sealed as pictured with the text and address on the reverse.

If you didn't notice the License is signed by:
Rev. Matchemquick and Dan Cupid, Secretary just to add to the humour.



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https://stampsmarter.org/AuctionFiles/Cat_OwenSC.aspx – You may view listed items in the current auction on this page. These will be the same scans used during the auction

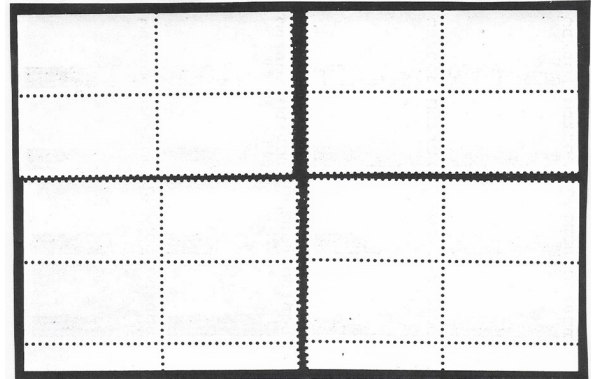
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left or bottom of the pane of 50. This resulted in the field stock panes having straight edges on three sides as follows:

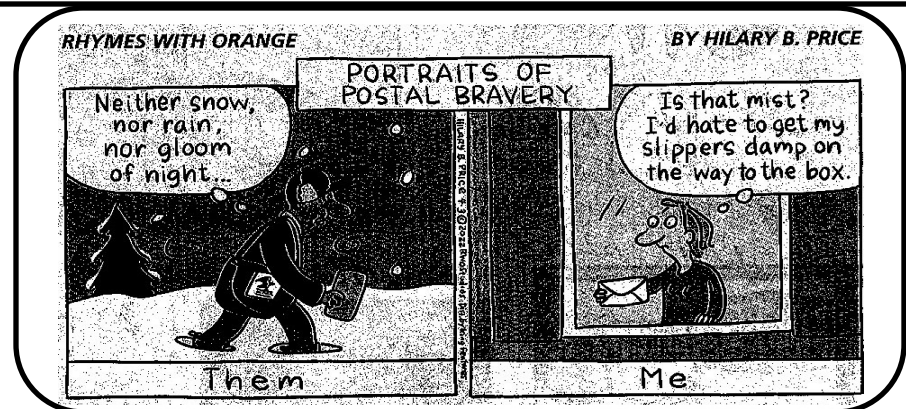
In horizontal layout the straight sides would be on the left, top (upper) and right sides resulting in nine stamps on left side with straight edges (9 / 50), one in the upper left corner (1 / 50), three along the top or upper edge (3 / 50), one in the upper right corner (1 / 50), and nine on the right side (9 / 50) resulting in 23 stamps with straight edges leaving 27 stamps with four sided perforations. This resulted in six different stamps per pane.

If the pane was of portrait layout, the above information would be skewed 90° clockwise where the left side become the top, the top side becomes the side, and right side becomes the bottom, stamp numbers remain the same.

Note: There is no difference between the straight edges from the Philatelic stock to that of the Counter stock in the same position.



Counter Stock



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