

# #1's - GERMANY

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# THE BUFFALO

Germany stretches from the high mountains of the Alps in the south to the shores of the North and Baltic seas in the north. In between are found the forested uplands of central Germany and the low-lying lands of northern Germany, traversed by some of Europe's major rivers such as the Rhine, Danube and Elbe. (Wikipedia) Or: Located in "Central Europe, bordering the Baltic Sea and the North Sea, between the Netherlands and Poland, south of Denmark." (www.geographic.org) [Note: interesting: You will find this description used on several web sites, all courtesy of the CIA Factbook].

But which "Germany?" We have a choice, and each that we chose involves some history. When postage stamps were first issued after 1840 "Germany" was a number of states, its only unity being the German Confederation, formed in 1815 – 39 states (35 monarchies and 4 free cities), a loose union for mutual defense, united by a customs union, with a Diet that met at Frankfurt. Some of these states – Baden, Bayern, Bergedorf, Braunschweig, Bremen, Hamburg, Hannover, Helgoland, Lübeck, Mecklenburg-Schwerin, Mecklenburg-Strelitz, Oldenburg, Preußen, Sachsen, Schleswig-Holstein und Lauenburg, Thurn und Taxis, and Württemberg – issued postage stamps. So, to simplify (really not possible), let's start with:

Norddeutscher Bund (North German Confederation). Organized in 1867 after Prussia's victory over Austria. Some German states, notably those of south Germany, were not members, but were tied to it by a customs union. Its first stamps were issued on January 1, 1868:



Deutsches Reich (German Empire). Declared at Versailles in January, 1871, after the Franco-Prussian War of 1870-71. A series of eleven stamps was issued January 1, 1872:



Your catalogue lists other in the "German area" – Danzig, Saar, Memelgebiet – and many others.

Various authorities issued stamps in parts of Germany after 1945; we will leave those alone for now.

And West Berlin issued its own stamps, 1948-1990.

Deutsche Demokratische Republik (German Democratic Republic; East Germany). 1949 – 1990.

Established in reaction to the formation of the Federal Republic (West Germany) in 1948, its first stamp is numbered by Michel as #242, following those issued under Soviet occupation:



Bundesrepublik Deutschland (Federal Republic of Germany; West Germany): Established in 1948 from the American, British and French occupation zones, its first stamp (Michel #111) was issued 7 September, 1949:



The infamous wall that isolated West Berlin from East Germany was opened on 9 October, 1989, leading to the collapse of the DDR and followed (in 1990) by the first all-German elections since 1933; German reunification was declared 9 October, 1990. Bundesrepublik stamps were now used in all of Germany.

Deutschland (Germany: the official name remains as Bundesrepublik Deutschland) The first postage stamp printed "Deutschland" was issued on May 5, 1995 (Michel #1790).



An interesting and complicated area of study, philatelic or otherwise.

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Doors Open 6:00 p.m. - Business Meeting 8:00 p.m.  
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## PLEASE NOTE DATE CHANGE FOR JANUARY MEETINGS

- Jan. 08 - Business Meeting  
- Auction
- Jan 22 - Business Meeting  
- Presentation
- Feb. 05 - Business Meeting  
- Auction
- Feb. 19 - Business Meeting  
- Presentation

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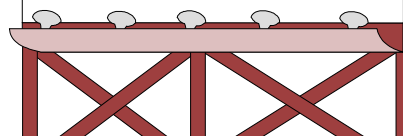
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# EDITOR NOTES...

I received the following email after sending a copy of *The Buffalo* for November, which printed an article on a stamp honouring Oscar Peterson, to Austria Post:

Dear Mr. Brooks,  
Thank you very much for sending your interesting article. It may be of interest for you that Mr. Peterson was deeply moved by the ceremony on November 19th. He said that he regards the issue of this stamp as one of the most important honours he ever got in his life. Two days later, he gave a concert at the Musikverein in Vienna which was broadcast in Austrian radio for three hours.

Sincerely,  
Erich Haas (Director of the Philatelic Department,  
Austria Post)

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MZ informs me that our December charity auction took in \$495.51. A contribution of \$500.00 was made to the Salvation Army, with half the money helping to fund their Christmas dinner, and half for the Women's Shelter.

Well done, WPS members!

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As announced at our last meeting, the Executive is planning to hold a workshop for prospective exhibitors, a "how to do it" session to enable those of us with ideas on exhibits to mount a good exhibit for our annual Show. This would also include some description of what judges look for when comparing exhibits. SG, in a recent conversation, said that the ground to be covered might require more than one session; the Executive will be making a decision and announcement shortly.

"On March 26th, 2004, Canada Post will join Post Greenland and Norwegian Post, in honouring famed Norwegian explorer Otto Sverdrup (1854-1930), on the one hundred and fiftieth anniversary of his birth. Both Canada Post and Post Greenland will issue a single stamp, while Norway will issue two stamps in a uniquely formatted souvenir sheet.

Norwegian explorer Otto Sverdrup (1854-1930) discovered and charted some 160,000 square kilometers in the Canadian Arctic, more than any other polar explorer in history. During his 1898-1902 expedition, he mapped an area now known as "the Sverdrup Islands", which are today part of Nunavut.

The joint issue will be in the form of three souvenir sheets – one for each participating country. Each sheet will feature three designs, but only one of the three designs will be denominated. The Canadian sheet will feature a stamp image of Sverdrup's ship the FRAM. Norway's images will be of the explorer himself and also the FRAM, while Greenland's features the exploration team in a rowboat braving arduous sea conditions during one of their expeditions. The souvenir sheets were designed and engraved by Martin Mörk of Norway. Mr. Mörk previously engraved the \$2 polar bear definitive for Canada in 1998. Canada Post's design team will supply a cancellation mark tailored to each country for the Official First Day Covers." (Canada Post press release)



## SPOT THE VARIETY 15

Attention all you flyspeckers!! Get your magnifying glasses out and compare the two stamp images above. Find six (6) different changes on the right stamp compared to the left. Good Luck!!





# AUCTION RESULTS

BY ROBERT ZACHARIAS

The total sales in our November 15 auction were \$2008.50, which is higher than the average of about \$1,800 for our previous sales. There were fewer lots in this auction, only 286. 192 of the lots sold, which is 67%, by far the highest percentage of any of the auctions to date. Sixteen members put lots

into the auction. There were twenty-five bidders who were successful in buying at least one lot.

The next auction is planned for middle or late March. The date will be confirmed at the next meeting. If you plan to enter material into the auction, please get your lots in early!

## Prices Realized:

Lot 1 \$20.00	Lot 37 N/S	Lot 73 \$80.00	Lot 109 \$5.50	Lot 145 \$6.00	Lot 181 \$6.00	Lot 217 \$6.00	Lot 253 \$45.00
Lot 2 \$30.00	Lot 38 \$2.00	Lot 74 \$4.00	Lot 110 \$7.00	Lot 146 \$11.00	Lot 182 \$6.00	Lot 218 \$3.00	Lot 254 N/S
Lot 3 \$12.00	Lot 39 \$4.50	Lot 75 \$15.00	Lot 111 \$20.00	Lot 147 \$17.50	Lot 183 \$5.00	Lot 219 \$4.00	Lot 255 \$7.00
Lot 4 \$3.00	Lot 40 N/S	Lot 76 \$6.00	Lot 112 \$21.00	Lot 148 \$48.00	Lot 184 N/S	Lot 220 N/S	Lot 256 N/S
Lot 5 \$4.00	Lot 41 \$10.00	Lot 77 \$5.00	Lot 113 \$6.50	Lot 149 \$26.00	Lot 185 \$4.00	Lot 221 N/S	Lot 257 N/S
Lot 6 \$4.00	Lot 42 \$3.00	Lot 78 \$4.00	Lot 114 \$8.00	Lot 150 \$30.00	Lot 186 \$5.00	Lot 222 N/S	Lot 258 N/S
Lot 7 N/S	Lot 43 \$12.00	Lot 79 N/S	Lot 115 N/S	Lot 151 \$35.00	Lot 187 N/S	Lot 223 \$3.00	Lot 259 N/S
Lot 8 N/S	Lot 44 \$33.00	Lot 80 N/S	Lot 116 N/S	Lot 152 N/S	Lot 188 \$7.00	Lot 224 \$8.00	Lot 260 N/S
Lot 9 \$5.00	Lot 45 N/S	Lot 81 N/S	Lot 117 N/S	Lot 153 \$35.00	Lot 189 N/S	Lot 225 \$5.00	Lot 261 \$51.00
Lot 10 \$7.00	Lot 46 N/S	Lot 82 N/S	Lot 118 N/S	Lot 154 \$46.00	Lot 190 \$2.00	Lot 226 \$4.00	Lot 262 N/S
Lot 11 \$5.00	Lot 47 \$4.50	Lot 83 \$6.00	Lot 119 \$5.00	Lot 155 \$45.00	Lot 191 N/S	Lot 227 \$2.00	Lot 263 N/S
Lot 12 N/S	Lot 48 \$5.00	Lot 84 \$8.00	Lot 120 N/S	Lot 156 \$70.00	Lot 192 \$2.00	Lot 228 \$2.00	Lot 264 N/S
Lot 13 \$6.00	Lot 49 \$35.00	Lot 85 \$15.00	Lot 121 \$7.50	Lot 157 \$20.00	Lot 193 \$6.00	Lot 229 N/S	Lot 265 N/S
Lot 14 N/S	Lot 50 \$12.00	Lot 86 \$3.50	Lot 122 \$8.00	Lot 158 N/S	Lot 194 N/S	Lot 230 N/S	Lot 266 N/S
Lot 15 N/S	Lot 51 \$3.00	Lot 87 N/S	Lot 123 \$8.00	Lot 159 N/S	Lot 195 \$3.00	Lot 231 \$10.00	Lot 267 N/S
Lot 16 N/S	Lot 52 \$5.00	Lot 88 \$22.00	Lot 124 \$5.00	Lot 160 N/S	Lot 196 \$6.00	Lot 232 N/S	Lot 268 N/S
Lot 17 N/S	Lot 53 N/S	Lot 89 \$5.00	Lot 125 \$11.00	Lot 161 N/S	Lot 197 \$8.00	Lot 233 N/S	Lot 269 \$15.00
Lot 18 N/S	Lot 54 \$6.00	Lot 90 \$35.00	Lot 126 \$4.00	Lot 162 \$6.00	Lot 198 \$12.00	Lot 234 \$3.00	Lot 270 N/S
Lot 19 N/S	Lot 55 \$6.00	Lot 91 \$5.00	Lot 127 \$6.00	Lot 163 \$6.00	Lot 199 N/S	Lot 235 \$4.00	Lot 271 N/S
Lot 20 N/S	Lot 56 \$2.00	Lot 92 \$20.00	Lot 128 \$10.00	Lot 164 N/S	Lot 200 N/S	Lot 236 N/S	Lot 272 N/S
Lot 21 N/S	Lot 57 \$4.00	Lot 93 \$9.00	Lot 129 \$8.00	Lot 165 N/S	Lot 201 \$5.00	Lot 237 \$7.00	Lot 273 N/S
Lot 22 N/S	Lot 58 N/S	Lot 94 \$10.00	Lot 130 \$5.00	Lot 166 N/S	Lot 202 \$6.50	Lot 238 \$4.00	Lot 274 \$8.00
Lot 23 \$24.00	Lot 59 \$5.00	Lot 95 \$8.50	Lot 131 \$5.00	Lot 167 \$6.00	Lot 203 \$3.00	Lot 239 \$5.00	Lot 275 \$5.00
Lot 24 N/S	Lot 60 \$35.00	Lot 96 \$25.00	Lot 132 \$5.00	Lot 168 \$6.00	Lot 204 \$4.00	Lot 240 \$5.50	Lot 276 \$6.00
Lot 25 \$3.50	Lot 61 \$45.00	Lot 97 \$7.00	Lot 133 \$12.00	Lot 169 N/S	Lot 205 \$20.00	Lot 241 N/S	Lot 277 \$6.00
Lot 26 \$3.00	Lot 62 N/S	Lot 98 \$2.50	Lot 134 \$4.00	Lot 170 N/S	Lot 206 \$9.00	Lot 242 \$10.00	Lot 278 \$5.00
Lot 27 \$3.00	Lot 63 \$8.00	Lot 99 \$2.00	Lot 135 \$5.00	Lot 171 \$4.00	Lot 207 \$10.00	Lot 243 N/S	Lot 279 N/S
Lot 28 \$4.00	Lot 64 N/S	Lot 100 \$3.00	Lot 136 \$14.00	Lot 172 \$3.00	Lot 208 \$11.00	Lot 244 \$10.00	Lot 280 \$5.00
Lot 29 \$4.00	Lot 65 N/S	Lot 101 \$15.00	Lot 137 \$7.50	Lot 173 \$4.50	Lot 209 \$9.50	Lot 245 \$6.00	Lot 281 \$10.00
Lot 30 N/S	Lot 66 N/S	Lot 102 \$5.50	Lot 138 \$2.00	Lot 174 N/S	Lot 210 \$2.00	Lot 246 \$5.00	Lot 282 \$2.00
Lot 31 \$2.00	Lot 67 N/S	Lot 103 \$9.00	Lot 139 \$2.00	Lot 175 N/S	Lot 211 \$4.00	Lot 247 \$30.00	Lot 283 \$10.00
Lot 32 \$3.00	Lot 68 N/S	Lot 104 \$5.00	Lot 140 \$2.00	Lot 176 \$10.00	Lot 212 N/S	Lot 248 \$20.00	Lot 284 \$12.00
Lot 33 N/S	Lot 69 N/S	Lot 105 \$17.00	Lot 141 \$5.00	Lot 177 \$5.00	Lot 213 N/S	Lot 249 \$32.00	Lot 285 \$10.00
Lot 34 N/S	Lot 70 \$4.00	Lot 106 \$7.00	Lot 142 \$5.50	Lot 178 N/S	Lot 214 \$2.00	Lot 250 \$1.00	Lot 286 \$10.00
Lot 35 N/S	Lot 71 \$6.00	Lot 107 \$5.00	Lot 143 \$5.00	Lot 179 N/S	Lot 215 \$2.00	Lot 251 \$1.00	
Lot 36 N/S	Lot 72 N/S	Lot 108 \$2.00	Lot 144 \$7.00	Lot 180 N/S	Lot 216 \$6.00	Lot 252 \$20.00	



# MEETING MINUTES OF OCTOBER 16/03

BY J. LIPSY

• Meeting called to order by Des Connor at 8.00 p.m.  
Apologies from Bob Stanley who cannot make it tonight, regrets: Don Fraser, Clark Grierson, Bert Brady

**GUESTS AND VISITORS:**

- Sandy DeWitt

**NEW MEMBERS:**

- Karl Rommel, John Thompson

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

- None

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

• Don Fraser: memberships are past due, notices will not be sent out, but *The Buffalo* will not be sent starting December.

Condolences to Ken Kristjanson on the death of his father.

Please sign the register each meeting you attend.

- New issues: Art. 48 cent and \$1.25 and souvenir sheet.
- Michael Zacharias: The last auction netted \$38.50. Please attach auction sheet to your items (i.e. use tape)

Our annual charity auction is slated for the first Thursday in Dec. Bring you items in at any time before then.

• Robert Zacharias: There will be an auction on November 15, last date for lots will be Nov. 6. The regular meeting room in the Deaf Centre will be used. Viewing begins at 1.30 with the actual auction beginning at 2.00. People will initially be limited to 20 lots and if there are still not 300 later, may be allowed to enter more. 300 will be the limit. There is to be a \$2.00 minimum on the items.

• Des Connor: Library issue: some journals have marks in them, in material belonging to the club. Club material should not be abused. They are not yours to mark up. Gloria Pappin add that there are Scott's magazines missing. Please return borrowed items expeditiously.

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

- None

**DRAW:**

- Ian Guttormson, Michael Zacharias, John Thompson, Gerry Babij.

Adj. 8.15.

Tonight's program is a slide presentation of Pitcairn Islands history and postal history.

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# MEETING MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 06/03

BY J. LIPSY

Meeting called to order by Bob Stanley at 8.00 p.m.

**GUESTS AND VISITORS:**

- None

**NEW MEMBERS:**

- None

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

- None

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

• Ken K: Red River Bourse, Sunday at Charter House Hotel, Nov. 9, 2003, 9-4 pm. Our annual charity auction is the first Thursday in Dec. Bring your treasures then.

• Bob Stanley: Tonight three awards will be handed out to our three auctioneers, Rick Penko, Sid Kroker, Ken Kristjanson.

• Rob Zacharias: New books for the library: Canada's three cent small queen, British Commonwealth revenues, Topical stamp collecting, Colour guide to large and small queens, Stanley Gibbons 1840-1952 British Commonwealth, Scott 2003, classic specialized covers, 1840-1940.

The auction is on November 15. The regular meeting room in the Deaf Centre will be used. Viewing begins at 1.30 with the actual auction beginning at 2.00.

• Des Connor: There was a joint meeting of the show committee and the exec. The theme is 200 years of railway.

• Bob Stanley: Our January meetings will be Jan.8 and Jan. 22 because the first Thursday is Jan. 1. And starting then, the meetings will begin at 7.45.

• Alf Brooks: Schedule of *The Buffalo* is changed. There will be none in Dec. and Jan. 3rd is the deadline for the next issue.

• Don Fraser: BNAPS meeting Nov. 29 at St. Peters Church, there will be a show and tell.

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

- None

**DRAW:**

• Gerry Babij, Len Kruczynski, George Elias, Don Fraser, Bill Rainer, Frank Epp, Clark Grierson.

Adj. 8.23.

# CONTRIBUTING TO YOUTH

BY BOB KENAL

The Winnipeg Junior Stamp Club, as you may know, endeavours to promote stamp collecting among our young people, the adult collectors of the future. We do not charge a membership fee or purchase price on *any* stamps or philatelic materials that members may need to start this fascinating hobby. Everything that we have available comes to us by way of donations that we collect, sort, soak, organize, package, label and distribute! Whew!

We owe our success to your generous support and encouragement. Your contributions are the backbone of our program – literally!

Thanks to the following people who have passed on to us “small treasures” during this past fall session of the WPS.

**JERRY MESSMER:** envelopes chock-full of assorted stamps

**GEORGE APPS:** albums, stamps on paper, covers, UN booklets, wise advice

**KNUD MARKMANN:** Scandinavian stamps

**KARL RASMUSSEN:** multiple bundles of Canadian stamps

**RUDY OSTERMAN:** current Finnish stamps

**GEORGE GREEN:** US president's stamps

**WENDY SMITH:** US stamps off paper

**ALF BROOKS:** Canadian stamp folders, commemorative covers, box of assorted stamps, aided in exchange of our Canadian stamps for British stamps from UK

**ALWYN HOLLOWAY:** bag and box of current Canadian stamps, on and off paper

**TOM PRESCOTT:** Canada and US stamps, on and off paper

**VAHAN MELIKIAN:** current Canadian stamps on paper

**NANCY SAMETZ:** four large boxes of dealer's stock items

**TED MAYO:** various stamps, catalogues and magnifying glasses

**BOB STANLEY:** numerous catalogues, albums and Canada Post material

**ALICE ROSBOROUGH:** a plethora of Canadian postmarked covers

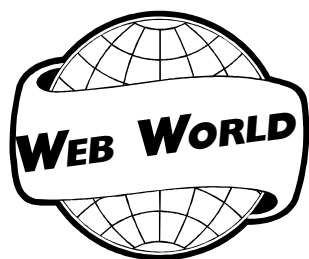
**MARY HOLLAND:** a shoebox full of worldwide stamps off paper

**GEORGE ELIAS:** current Canada off paper

We owe a debt of thanks to **Judy Lipsey** and **Heinz Rummel** for generously giving their time soaking and sorting what is turned in to us. If I have forgotten anyone I apologize – I will buy you a coffee!

Thanks for your continuing help.

- Gerry Babij
- Bob Kenal
- Robert Zacharias,
- John Salmi, and all the kids



A collector in India wishes to exchange mint stamps and souvenir sheets (and also coins and some other items). Her main philatelic interest is flora, fauna and trains. Offers stamps of India and worldwide.

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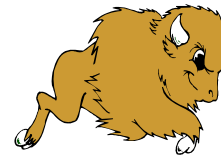
If you have a philatelic question, check out Ask Phil: <http://www.askphil.org>

The site allows you to search for answers from their large database, and if you cannot find what you are looking for you can email, and expect an answer in a short time.





# BUFFALO CHIPS



Great Britain has announced its stamp program for 2004, as follows:

- January: Classic Locomotives (one of six illustrated).
- February: Occasions 2004  
The Lord of the Rings
- March: Northern Ireland
- April: Entente Cordial  
Ocean Liners
- May: Royal Horticultural Society
- June: Wales
- August: Royal Society of Arts
- September: Woodland Animals
- October: Crimea
- November: Christmas



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The International Philatelic Society of Joint Stamp Issues Collectors annually chooses the best issue for the year. For 2002 a joint issue by Malaysia and Singapore of June 27 was judged to be number one:



Second prize went to issues of World Cup stamps by six countries. Canada shared in the prizes, with its joint issue with Hong Kong of Coral stamps

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The Vatican issued a stamp in September marking the Beautification of Mother Teresa; this will be followed shortly by the late nun being declared a saint.



In August China issued stamps to honour two aviation milestones: the 100th anniversary of powered flight and the last flight of the Concorde.

## MEETING MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 20/03

By J. LIPSY

- Meeting called to order by Bob Stanley at 8.00 p.m.

### GUESTS AND VISITORS:

- None

### NEW MEMBERS:

- None

### CORRESPONDENCE:

- None

### ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Bob Stanley: If you know of a member who is not attending meetings and would like to do so but finds it difficult to get here, maybe you could arrange to pick them up and deliver them back home.

Please sign the register each meeting you attend.

- Michael Zacharias: March 26-28 is the Edmonton Stamp Show. There are some catalogues here available to you. Membership dues: I will collect them for Don F. who cannot be here tonight. Applications for BNAPS are available.

- Bob Stanley: We are starting something new tonight: a clothes line display. This is for people who want to display something of interest without having to say anything about it. There is a sign up sheet at front for those who want to put something on the line.

- Sid Kroker: The Red River Bourse will be held on Dec. 14, from 9-4 at the Charter House Hotel.

- Robert Zacharias: A new book for the library: Admiral colour guide in air mails in Canada, arranged by areas of the world. The auction on November 15 had \$2008.50 in sales, 67% sold.

- Sid Kroker: Thanks to Robert for all the hard work done in arranging the lots and making the lists. Thanks to helpers Michael Z, Gerry B., Judy L., and to auctioneers, Ken K., Rick P., and Sid K.

- Ken Kristjanson presented Sid K. with a cake celebrating his 60th birthday, and his gifts were an ashtray and a magnifier.

### OTHER BUSINESS:

- None

### DRAW:

- Gerry Babij, Norm Gordon, Gloria Pappin, Ken Swan, Heinz Rummel.

Adj. 8.20.

Presentation by Nick Fedorchuk on Canadian varieties.





Dear Phil,  
I recently heard *The Buffalo's* editor, Alf Brooks has decided to quit. Tell me it isn't so!!!

I read *The Buffalo* from cover to cover and find Mr. Brooks' editorship outstanding. He makes the

club's newsletter current, interesting and a pleasure to read. His insightful articles on varied philatelic subjects makes *The Buffalo* one of, if not the best club newsletters in Canada.

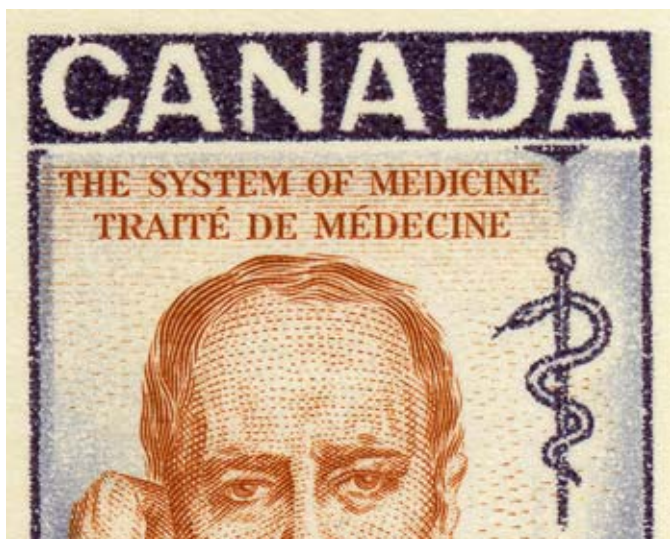
Come on Phil, you know the poop on everything, is this really true?

- Shocked & Concerned

*Dear Shocked & Concerned,  
I conveyed your remarks to the Editor.*

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