

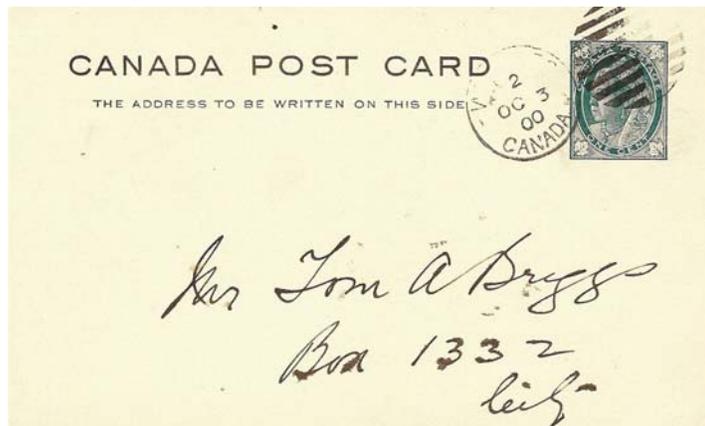
BACK TO THE BEGINNING

By Sid Kroker

While ago, I was leafing through a batch of postal stationary that I had purchased. A pre-printed postcard was one of the items. It was in good condition, a UX17 with no obvious flaws. Not the thick porous card stock nor the yellow straw card but still a nice item. It had been cancelled with a Winnipeg duplex, dated October 3, 1900. Thus the card was 107 years old - a venerable survivor. The addressee, Mr. Tom A. Briggs, was not a name I recognized from any of my various researches into Winnipeg history. He obviously maintained a box at the Post Office which, at that time, was located on Lombard Avenue (previously known as Post Office Street until 1884).

Having some spare time and a fair degree of curiosity, I turned over the card to read the message. It was a good thing that I was sitting down at the time as the message was about the first meeting of the Winnipeg Philatelic

between \$4.00 and \$13.95 with press-back chairs around one dollar each. In fact, you could buy an entire bedroom suite (bed, dresser, and washstand) for under \$15.00. And,

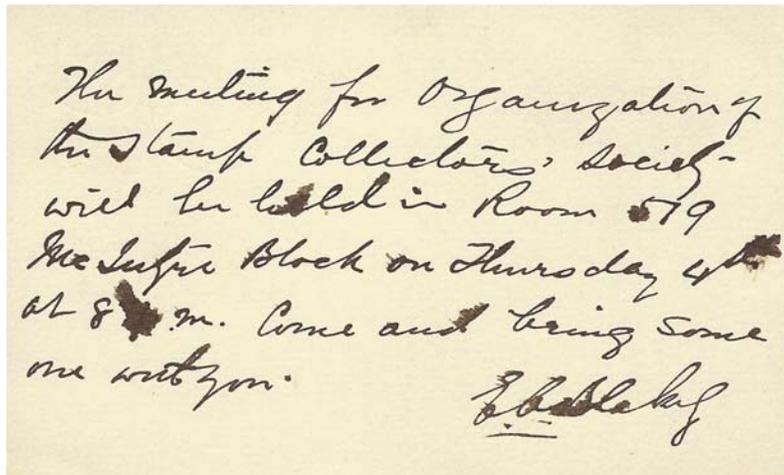


obviously, a post card cost one penny to mail.

Thus, I suspected that very few of the club members would have been working class. I went to the Millennium Library and, using the Henderson Directories for 1900

and 1901, looked up the names in the newspaper article. I was quite surprised. Stamp collecting back then was as egalitarian as it is today. The following list shows the known members of the 1900 stamp club and their occupations:

E. A. Blakely - The Directory provides us with his first name - Elgin. The newspaper articles have reversed his



Society. The text reads as follows:

The meeting for organization of the Stamp Collectors' Society will be held in Room 519 McIntyre Block on Thursday 4th at 8 p.m. Come and bring someone with you. (Signed) E. A. Blakely

I didn't recognize either name and contacted Des Connor who lent me the newspaper clippings about this inaugural event. It turns out that E. A. Blakely (written in the paper as A. E.) became the first President of the club with Isaac Pitblado as Vice-president, Arthur L Griffin as Secretary, and Layton Miller as Treasurer. The Executive Committee consisted of John R Persse, B. G. Hamilton, and W. Cuthbert (Manitoba Morning Free Press, Friday, October 5, 1900). The newspaper article notes that this is the first organization of stamp collectors in Western Canada and that the meeting was attended by more than "40 persons, including business men of the city, some ladies and a healthy contingent of boys."

Knowing something of the economic situation at the turn of the century, I suspected that the majority of the attendees were business men and members of their families. The average worker put in 10 to 12 hour days, six days a week, which would not have left much leisure time to devote to a hobby. Also, economically, most people had little money to spend - a very skilled, senior carpenter would have earned, at most, the grand sum of \$10.00 a week. Now it is true that everything cost a great deal less then. The 1902 Sears Catalogue lists dining tables

initials. While he had an M.D., he was not a practicing physician but rather was working as the chief clerk for the Provincial Department of Education. He resided at 285 Ellen. In the 1901 Directory, he was listed as the Western Manager for Continental Life Insurance and resided at 359 Edmonton.

Isaac Pitblado - Lawyer with Aikins Culver & Pitblado. Resided at 195 Smith.

(Mr. Pitblado is known for his world class collection of First Flight covers which is now housed at the Western Canadian Museum of Aviation).

Arthur L Griffin - Clerk with Osler, Hammond & Nanton (Stock Brokers). Resided at 273 Assiniboine.

Layton Miller - Clerk with J. W. Peck & Co. (Wholesale Clothing Merchants). Lived at 155 Clarke, a boarding house. The Directory lists his first name as Laxton. He is not listed in the 1901 Directory.

John R Persse - One of the co-owners of Tees and Persse (Commission Merchants). He lived at 66 Smith.

B. G. Hamilton - Not listed in the 1900 Directory but the 1901 Directory has a listing for B. Hamilton, a clerk with CPR Land Department. He lived at 415 Graham.

W. Cuthbert - There are a William Cuthbert Sr. and a William Cuthbert Jr. Both are letter carriers with the father living at 341 Smith and the son living at 212 Henry. It is not possible to determine which individual was a

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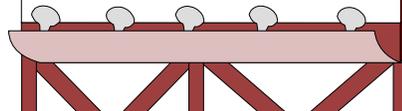
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member of the club.

Tom Briggs - Again, there are two individuals, Senior and Junior. Tom Briggs Sr. was an assistant accountant at CPR Freight Department while Tom Briggs Jr. was a clerk with A. C. Archibald (Insurance Brokers). They both lived at 56 Grove.

To summarize, some of the club members were established professionals while others were junior clerks. The newspaper articles do not mention any of the women's names or those other than the executive, so it is difficult to ascertain how much the membership in the club cut across economic lines. As the City of Winnipeg at that time was a 'boom town', it is probable



that societal status was much less important than would have been the case in England where stamp club memberships were almost exclusively composed of the professional and aristocratic classes.

The other thing worth noting is that the card was mailed on October 3rd with the expectation that it would be received in time for the meeting the following day. Then, there were at least two deliveries per day and the mail appears to have been sorted with an alacrity which doesn't occur today.

For anyone interested in further information about the early days of stamp collecting in Winnipeg, talk with Des Connor. As the WPS Club Historian, he has amassed a fantastic amount of information. As for the postcard that prompted this article, it will shortly be donated to the Winnipeg Philatelic Society.

SCOUTING ON STAMPS

BY BOB MOORE

The 1990 Scouting census counted more than 16 million Scouts in the world. Some 250 million people have been Scouts. These are impressive numbers when you consider that Scouting began with twenty boys at an experimental camp in 1907 on Brownsler Island near Poole in Dorset, England. The camp was a great success and proved to its organizer, Robert Baden-Powell, that his training and methods appealed to young people, and worked.

Robert Baden-Powell (or B.P. as he became known) was born in London February 22, 1857. His many experiences as a boy and as a soldier played a part in the formation of his training methods. One of ten children, he spent his holidays camping, hiking and sailing. Tent pitching, map and compass use, and wood-fire cooking were but a few of the skills that he acquired.

In 1876 he went to India as a young army officer and specialized in scouting, map-making and reporting. His success led to his training other soldiers.

Later he was transferred to the Balkans, South Africa and Malta. In South Africa he helped defend Mafeking during the Boer War. Here he developed a corps of messengers involving boys and young men. On returning to England he found he had become a war hero and in 1909 he was knighted by King Edward VII. The small handbook he had written for soldiers was being used by the Boys' Brigade and other boys' clubs. B.P. decided to rewrite the book and tested his ideas at the 1907 camp on Brownsler Island.

The success of *Scouting for Boys* produced a movement that very quickly adopted the name of "The Boy Scouts."

By 1909 the movement had taken firm root and *Scouting for Boys* had been translated into five languages. Scouting came to Canada in 1908; the first



troop was located in St. Catharines, Ontario. The movement also experienced rapid growth in Manitoba.



The first world Jamboree was held in 1922 in London, England. World Jamborees have been held in Canada at Niagara-on-the-Lake, Ontario in 1955 and in Kananaskis, Alberta in 1983.



Canada Post honoured both of these events by issuing commemorative stamps.

The first "Scouts" stamps were issued by The Cape of Good Hope in 1900, picturing Sgt. Major Goodyear and General R. Baden Powell. In the one hundred years of Scouting there have been hundreds of stamps issued by the over 150 countries and territories which have offered the Scouting program to their youth. B.P.'s face appears on many of these stamps, but more particularly the stamps picture youth in action, which was, of course, the reason for the



development of the Scouting movement.

For many years countries of Europe have issued "Europa" stamps; this year Scouting is being honoured with many issues.



There is a relationship between Boy Scouts and Girl Guides. B.P., along with his sister Agnes, started the Girl Guides program in 1910. In 1912 B.P. married Olave Soames, who became chief Guide.



Until September 1, 1971, there had been four youth sections in Scouting: Wolf Cubs, Scouts, Venturers and Rovers. However, Manitoba was not satisfied with that and proposed a program for boys from age five to seven and a-half. This new section would become known as Beavers and their motto became "Sharing." On November 15, 1974, Beavers Canada became an official section of Scouts Canada.

A good resource for Scouts on stamps is "Scouts on Stamps Society International (SOSSI). Membership dues are \$15.00 annually. See their web site - www.sossi.org - or Bob Moore for more information.



MEMORIES OF TED MAYO

BY BOB STANLEY

The trouble with losing a friend is that they're so hard to replace. There are acquaintances, friends, and good friends. Ted Mayo was the latter and has been for over 20 years.

I first met Ted at a stamp club meeting when it was meeting at the CN station in 1984. I had just joined the club and attended two meetings. At both those meetings only two people took the time to welcome me - Stuart Clarke and Ted Mayo. I met Ted again at the home of Frank Whitebread, and subsequently many times afterwards. Frank was a long-time collector and dealer. Ted went to him for Frank's encyclopedic knowledge of Canadian and Commonwealth stamps. He'd ask Frank for information or advice, and in listening to them, I thought that Ted must be an inexperienced collector. He'd listen to Frank and never give any indication that he had any knowledge of his own. It took me a good while to understand that Ted knew a great deal about his Canadian material. In his easygoing way he would listen patiently when people, me included, would pour out our meager knowledge, while Ted, who knew much more, would be kind



Ted Mayo (right) with fellow WPS member Don Fraser (left)

enough to make us feel as if we were actually telling him something new. Ted was an expert on semi-official airmail and first flight covers and was instrumental in having the new book on the subject produced. For one reason or another he wasn't particularly fond of the East, and confined his collection of First Flights, as well as a large cancellation collection, to Manitoba and the other Western Provinces. I wish that I'd asked him why he excluded the East. Rick Penko helped round out his used modern Canada collection. He thought the world of Rick.

Ted was my driving companion on club meeting nights for two or three years and I miss his company. Invariably on the ride home he would voice his delight about the meeting and visiting with other members.

In his last year he was hospitalized, first at the Victoria, then St. Boniface Hospital, and finally at Deer Lodge. Visiting with him always meant talking about his stamps, which he liked, and his family whom he loved. I always felt better after a visit with Ted. He believed in Heaven, and if all goes well, I'll see him again there.

Ted's wife Wyn and his family have our deepest sympathy and I expect that everyone who knew him has that small, empty feeling that one gets when a gentleman and friend passes on.



BUFFALO CHIPS

BY ALF BROOKS



USA "FOREVER" STAMP

US Post has followed the lead of Canada and other nations by issuing a "Forever" stamp. It went on sale April 14, for use on May 14 when first class letter rates increase from 39¢ to 41¢. In the future the stamps will be sold at the current rate. The stamp pictures the Liberty Bell.

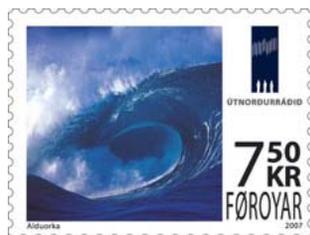


stamp when play begins. The stamp issued on 14 April features the image of two Rugby players and the phrase 'Allez les petits' made famous by Rugby commentator Roger Couderc.



WAVE ENERGY - FAROE ISLANDS

The Faroe Islands recently issued a stamp featuring a wave energy power station. "The system uses a tunnel which is excavated from the shore, under the cliffs, out towards the sea. A two-way butterfly turbine is installed in the hole. Finally, the hole is blasted open at a depth of 3.5 m below sea level. Wave action forces air up into the turbine and draws the air out again, the turbine producing electricity in both air flow directions."



MARSHALL ISLANDS LONG SET

FROM 1989 TO 1995 THE MARSHALL ISLANDS issued stamps to mark the fiftieth anniversaries of events in World War II, from the invasion of Poland on September 1, 1939, to V-J Day, 1945. Some of the 100 issues were one stamp, others were multiple stamps - and there were souvenir sheets. Any way you look at it, too many stamps.



RUGBY WORLD CUP

France Post issue a new stamp on 14 April to begin the countdown to this year's Rugby World Cup which is being hosted by the French. The competition begins in September: France will issue another ten stamps in June depicting different phases of play in a rugby match, then one more

SOME THOUGHTS ON BEING THE UNITRADE EDITOR

BY ROBIN HARRIS

Last October I gave a Powerpoint presentation to the Philatelic Specialists Society of Canada in Toronto in conjunction with the Stampex stamp exhibition. The talk was about how I came to be the Editor of *The Unitrade Specialized Catalogue of Canadian Stamps*. This article is a summary of what was presented at that time.

It all started over 45 years ago. Oh, sorry, that is a different story. It all started about 40 years ago when my father introduced my brother and myself to stamp collecting. I haven't really stopped playing with stamps since then.

In fact, I was probably about 10 or 12 years old when I wanted to be a stamp catalogue editor - that is some 35 years ago now. As the years went by this thought never went away. I never felt that the "specialized" stamp catalogues in Canada were truly "specialized", as their titles suggested.

Although my primary collecting interest has been modern Canada with an extensive website devoted to this, I still enjoy my collections of the Great Britain Machins, The Penny Black, and United States Plate Number Coils.

In May of 1997 I published five specialized books on different Elizabethan definitive series. Over the next couple of years I added two more books to the series, with the Centennial Definitives being the most extensive book, at 438 pages, ever written on this subject. From September 1997 to May 2002 I worked for the Saskatoon Stamp Centre, gaining more stamp experience and a wide variety of contacts.

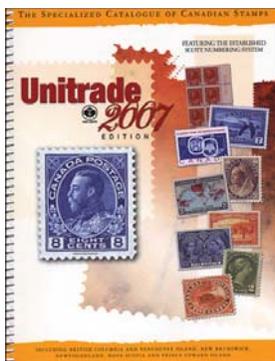
In July 2001 I became editor of the *Corgi Times*, the bi-monthly newsletter of The Elizabethan II Study Group, a specialized group with the British North America Philatelic Society. Now in its fifteenth year, this journal continues to be recognized as an important source of information for the modern Canadian stamp collector.

All of the previous stamp experience led to a surprise, but welcome, phone call in December 2004 from Unitrade Associates. They asked if I would like to be the editor of *The Unitrade Specialized Catalogue of Canadian Stamps*. It didn't take but a half a second to say "yes". I have now been the editor for two editions (2006 and 2007) with work progressing nicely on the 2008 edition.

The prior editor used the Corel Ventura Publisher program to layout the catalogue. When I was asked to be editor, WordPerfect was my preferred choice for editing documents. However, I quickly realized that this was not going to work for the size of project that the Unitrade required, and also found that Ventura had its shortcomings. I found that the Adobe InDesign product was a superior program to both of these. It took a bit of doing but I learned enough to get the job done.

During the editing process of my first edition I only spoke with the owner of Unitrade on one occasion and did not meet the staff of Unitrade until after the catalogue had been completed, printed, and distributed! All phone and e-mail contacts with Unitrade were with Doug Robinson, an employee of Unitrade. It was quite a relationship that first year.

For my first edition, the entire catalogue was converted from Ventura to InDesign. That alone took hundreds of hours. Part of this process involved



changing the general layout. This included modifying each stamp's listing, adding far more information including the designer, engraver, method of printing, identifying the perforation to the nearest 10th (for comb-perfed stamps), and cross-referencing commemorative issues to similarly-designed stationery items.

I was not happy with many of the stamp illustrations so nearly every stamp was re-scanned. At approximately 15 minutes per image and about two thousand images ... well, you can do the math. Part of the general re-design involved adding colour images of all booklet panes, listing and illustrating far more constant plate varieties, and getting rid of a lot of the wasted "white" space.

Index tabs at the sides of the pages, year title bars, postal rate information, definitive timelines, joint issue illustrations, an expanded introduction, cover illustrations of selected literature, listing untagged errors — all were just some of the other additions to that first edition. It was (and continues to be) a labour of love.

The 2007 edition (my second) added some more formatting items: more bleeds on the edges of pages including colour coding for Elizabethan-era definitives and rate/year information at the bottom of the pages. More re-entries were listed and illustrated, primarily in the Provinces. An Elizabethan Stamp Identifier (1977–present) was added to the back of the back.

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Canada's national flag was adopted in 1965.

Top: 2005 edition; Bottom: 2006 and 2007 edition

There are two aspects of the catalogue that I keep my hands out of. One is the front cover design; the other is the pricing. With that said, there are several stamp dealers across Canada who pass along pricing information to me in mid-July. I then go through all of the price changes and make those changes to the catalogue. In a few rare instances Dealer A will ask for an increase while Dealer B will ask for a decrease on the same item. In those cases, the price is not changed.

On average I have been receiving about three or so e-mails a week with questions to the Unitrade Editor. These range from "I found a mistake" to "can you add this variety to the catalogue" to "how come this is listed". I can't say that all of the e-mails have been welcome, but they are of interest. Of course, the "mistake" e-mails are not the ones you want to hear about, but all mistakes that have been pointed out (and most have been typographical or punctuation in nature) have been corrected as they were received. The catalogue continues to get closer to being "error free", at least until I start editing the next edition!

As a "specialized" catalogue there are still a couple of things I would like to add to the catalogue, but unfortunately I don't expect these will be added anytime soon: all precancels (town and type) for every stamp; all perfins for every stamp; and revenues. For the 2008 edition I was hoping to add Christmas Seals since 2008 marks the 100th anniversary. However, this alone would likely add some 40 or more pages to the catalogue!

I thoroughly enjoy my time while working on the catalogue. I still have a few ideas I would like to incorporate but one of the biggest constraints is the size of the catalogue. Despite some "space saving" ideas, the next edition will still likely go over the 600 page mark. Canada Post is just issuing too many stamps every year!

Robin Harris
unitrade@adminware.ca



Dear Phil,
I was shocked to see the following in a Montréal newspaper last November:

"Canada Post wants the mail carriers to be able to transport the mail in their vehicles, saying it would better enable them to compete with courier companies such as FEDEX and UPS and boost productivity. "However the union fears that 1,000 jobs could be lost if the

current system of having mail trucks transport the mail is curtailed."

I am a committed union man; this proposal once again tells me of the bosses attempting to exploit the working men and women of Canada.

I hope that you and many other good Canadians are as indignant as I am.

- Indignant

Dear Indignant,

As an individual who is sympathetic to trade unions I am also disturbed by this idea, but doubt if it is serious. And, with the present political climate in Manitoba, with our election coming in less than three weeks, I will leave my comments at that.

- Phil

MINUTES OF THE WINNIPEG PHILATELIC SOCIETY, ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING APRIL 05, 2007

BY JUDY LIPSEY

- Bob Stanley called the meeting to order at 8.03.
 - New member: George Hewitt.
 - Rick Penko talked about the March auction. It was very successful, thanks go to John Salmi, Michael Zacharias, Robert Zacharias, Judy Lipsey, Gord Turnbull, Ron DeWitt, Emil Orobko, Al Wingate, Len Kruczynski, Forbes Sharpe, Russ Thompson, Ken Kristjanson, Sid Kroker. And Bob S. said Rick too.
 - Rick also announced that the Red River Bourse will next be held April 8, 2007, 9 am-4 pm. at the Best Western Charter House Hotel.
 - Also, we have applications for membership in the Royal Philatelic Society of Canada. Membership is \$35.00 and you get a subscription to the Canadian Philatelist. The WPS will get a \$5.00 credit.
 - Bob Stanley announced that Ted Mayo had passed away.
 - Robert Zacharias told us about the upcoming Winnipeg Art Gallery stamp sale. It will take place April 12, 13, 14 at art gallery hours. He also has application forms for exhibits for our show.
 - Des Connor talked about this year's show. The theme is scouting. Posters and bookmarks have been made and are available for distribution. Please take some and get them out to as many places as you can think of. Thank you to Rick for the poster design. There will be 8 dealers at the show. The show will officially open at 1:15 on May 4. We need volunteers for set up, take down, security, and reception desk. There are sheets for sign up. Please give as much time as you can. We have decided to charge \$1.00 admission to the show, kids are free. There are ads going into the Free Press, local papers and there will be something on CJOB radio.
 - The last meeting of the year, on June 7 will be held at the Scandinavian Centre, 764 Erin.
 - This is the second nomination meeting. Rick nominated Bill Pooley for 2nd vice president. Bev Barr 2nd. There were no further nominations. Rick moved that nominations be closed. Tom Prescott 2nd that motion, and it passed.
 - Russ Thompson. announced that the presentation at our next meeting will be Alf Brooks and Ballon postes, Germany's siege of Paris.
- Draw: Stanley Payton, Dick Johnson, Ken Swan, Carl Rasmusson, Bob Elias.
Adj. 8:35.

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MINUTES OF THE WINNIPEG PHILATELIC SOCIETY, ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING APRIL 19, 2007

BY JUDY LIPSEY

- Bob Stanley called the meeting to order at 8.00.
 - Beginning in September, the Buffalo will be available on the internet. Please give your e-mail address to Judy, if you have not already done so.
 - There will be a Canada Post table at the show and volunteers are needed to man it. Please see Bob Stanley.
 - Des Connor again made his plea for volunteers for setting up and taking down the frames for the show, for security and reception table. He has the lists. Please give generously of your time.
 - Michael Zacharias reminded us that we are moving our meetings to the Scandinavian Cultural Centre. Our first meeting there will be the meeting in June, our closing social and auction, on June 7.
 - Michael made an amendment to the motion on fees. The amendment will see regular membership fees rising from \$25.00 to \$35.00, senior, spouse and junior would rise from \$20.00 to \$25.00 and life membership would remain at zero. Alf Brooks 2nd the amendment. We voted on the amendment and it passed unanimously. We voted on the amended motion and it passed with one abstention.
 - Tonight's presentation is by Alf Brooks on Ballon Postes.
- Draw: Bob Harris, Fred Ostapchuk, Dick Johnson, Russ Thompson.
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