

OWEN SOUND STAMP CLUB

Chapter 191
Royal Philatelic Society of Canada

Next meeting; Wed. September 19th 2007

From the President...

End of Summer Madness

That is right fellow Philatelists the end of summer is here. Where has all this year gone to and what is to be done with what is left of it. As I am composing this article it strikes me that Thanksgiving Day will be on us before long and maybe we all can look around our miscellaneous material and see if we have any thing that might remind us of this holiday, and bring it in to the next meeting and share it with all of us.

FYI... I am writing this on a new computer after my old one gave up the ghost Hopefully I will be able to recover enough of old records to keep things going, on the other hand I have got my Email working real well in time to change internet providers ...What luck!

Owen Sound has a new community web site courtesy of the Sun Times called WWW.URGreyBruce.com and I will be posting Stamp Club information and events on this site , some of you may wish to add this site to your favourites list on your web browsers.

We have rented out all our tables for this years show and I will be preparing a list before our October Meeting. Please remember we need lots of volunteers for this event and for stamp week at the mall in early October.

I will try to get some new Circuit books ready for this meeting as I have been buying material specifically for this purpose lately. There will also be a club auction and I will be preparing lots for this as well but please everyone, bring some stuff and make it a big one!

Well I think that is all for now, Happy stamping.

Sincerely,
President OSSC
Alan M Charlesworth

Upcoming Events...

SEPT. 22, Cobourg, ON COPEX 2007, Salvation Army Citadel, 59 Ballantine St. 9:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m Admission is free. There will be 9 dealers in attendance along with our consignment material and club books. Displays featuring a variety of themes and subjects, draw and attendance prizes and refreshment counter. Sponsor/Affiliate: Cobourg Stamp Club. For more information, contact Stephen Snell 905-885-9929 or e-mail at Stephen.Snell2@sympatico.ca.

SEPT. 22, Point Edward, ON LAMPEX 2007 Stamp Show and Bourse, Optimist Hall at Point Edward Arena, 210 Monk Street. Hours: 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Free parking and admission. 10 dealers, displays. Sponsor/Affiliate: Sarnia Stamp Club. For more information, contact John E. Armstrong, 519-464-2688, sarniastampclub@cogeco.ca. Web site: <http://www.sarniastampclub.ca>.

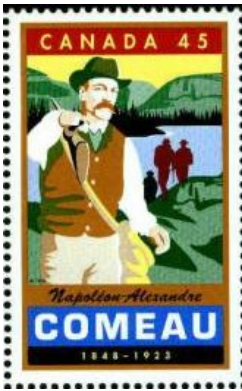
OCT. 6, St. Catharines, ON Holiday Inn Stamp Show, Holiday Inn, Niagara Room, Lake St. & QEW. Hours: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Free admission and parking. Sponsor/Affiliate: Roy's Stamps. For more information, contact Roy Houtby at 905-934-8377.
OCT. 12 - 14, 2007, Toronto, ON Stampex/Royal*2007*Royale, Queen Elizabeth Building, Exhibition Place. Hours: Fri. 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Sat. 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Sun. 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Canada's national philatelic exhibition with dealers from Canada (including Canada Post) the U.S. and the U.K. Sponsor/Affiliate: CSDA/RPSC. For more information, contact secretary@csdaonline.com.

OCT. 13, Guelph, ON Guelphpex 2007, Evergreen Seniors Centre, 683 Woolwich St. Hours: 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Free admission and parking. 15 dealers, children's program (Noon), framed displays, club sales circuit books available. Sponsor/Affiliate: Guelph Stamp Club. For more information, contact Joe Servos, jservos@bserv.com, 519-823-2578.
OCT. 13, Kingston, ON Annual Stamp Festival, Edith Rankin Memorial Church Hall, 4080 Bath Road. Hours: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Free admission and parking. 10-plus dealer tables, exhibits, members' consignment table, youth corner, lunch/refreshments available. Sponsor/Affiliate: Kingston Stamp Club. For more information, contact Mel Campbell, 613-352-7226, melcamp@sympatico.ca.

OCT. 14, Ottawa, ON Regular Stamp & Coin Show, Nepean Sportsplex, 1701 Woodroffe Ave. Hours: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Free parking and admission. 17 dealers. For more information, contact Brian Wolfenden, 613-226-2045.

Legendary Canadians

By Ralph Wyndham



On August 15, 1998 Canada Post issued a set of stamps called *Legendary Canadians*. I liked the idea behind the set as explained in the introduction of the stamps in the July/August 1998 issue of *Details* magazine. That idea was to spotlight great people in Canadian history who were not household names.

Napoleon-Alexandre Comeau was an Acadian born in 1848. He eventually made his way across the Gulf of St. Lawrence to Godbout on Quebec's North Shore where he became fish warden on the Godbout River, the most important river for the Atlantic salmon fishery. He also became Godbout's first postmaster.

He was a pioneer, explorer, doctor and a world-class naturalist. He surveyed most of the rivers of the North Shore. He was very skilled in dealing with people and had great respect for the Native People in his community making him a folk hero in short order.

Though Comeau lacked a formal education, his knowledge of plants and animals on the north shore was unmatched. He contributed articles to *Forest and Stream* and *National Geographic* magazines earning him international scientific recognition. His contributions to wildlife identification in the region are still used as benchmarks today. Comeau also took on the responsibility of local doctor performing minor surgeries and amputations and assisted at more than 250 births.

Few Canadians outside of Quebec know of this amazing man, however, most of us have heard of Baie Comeau, birthplace of former Prime Minister Brian Mulroney. The town was named for Napoleon-Alexandre Comeau.



Phyllis Munday earned her fame on the opposite side of the country as a mountaineer, explorer, photographer and more. Born in Sri Lanka in 1894, her family moved to British Columbia in 1901 then to Vancouver in 1907.

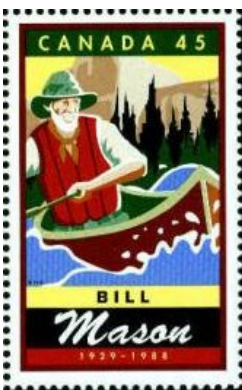
Her interest in nature and mountain climbing led Munday to join the British Columbia Mountaineering Club in 1915. The following year she established one of the first Girl Guide companies in Canada, the Lone Guides, and would lead them on a trek up Grouse Mountain in North Vancouver. In 1920 she established the first St. John Ambulance Brigade in British Columbia.

Munday's very illustrious career as a mountaineer began at a time when a woman indulging in such activities would still have raised a few eyebrows in polite society. It is safe to say that a woman's place was still in the home; women could not vote in national elections until 1918; on the wilderness trail a woman was still expected to wear a dress.

With her colleague, Annette Buck, she was the first woman to climb Mount Robson, the highest peak in the Rocky Mountains. Through her active climbing years she scaled 100 peaks. A third of these climbs were first ascents and more were first ascents for a woman.

While climbing on Vancouver Island in 1925 with her husband, Don, the pair thought they saw a peak far off on the mainland that they believed had to be higher than Mount Robson. They finally located the rugged vertical spire of rock in 1928. Named Mt. Waddington by the Geological Survey of Canada, the peak is 65 meters higher than Robson.

Phyllis Munday was named a lifetime member of the Alpine Club of Canada in 1938. She was inducted into the Order of Canada in 1973 in recognition of her lifelong efforts on behalf Girl Guides, St. John's Ambulance and her many mountaineering achievements. She died in 1990 at the age of 96.



It is a testament to the importance of the wilderness to Canada that our third legendary Canadian also devoted his life to the outdoors. Born in 1929, Bill Mason became a naturalist, conservationist, artist, author and filmmaker.

Mason was the most successful filmmaker in the history of the National Film Board of Canada. He created 18 films in all. These films earned 60 honours including two British Academy Awards and two Oscar nominations and attracted huge audiences. In fact, when *Cry of the Wild*, a film about timber and Arctic wolves, opened in New York City in 1974, it out grossed such popular Hollywood films as *Papillon*, *The Sting*, *American Graffiti* and even the *Godfather*.

Canoes and canoeing were Mason's greatest passion; even as a child he was captivated by canoes. During the years that he worked as a graphic artist he would quit his job each spring to spend the summer camping and canoeing. He wrote a number of canoeing books that are still popular and developed and refined paddle strokes and techniques for canoeing in whitewater situations.

Joyce, Mason's wife, and their two children, Paul and Becky, often traveled with him on his camping trips and contributed to his later works. Paul and Becky have followed in their father's footsteps to become artists, authors and environmentalists.

After his death in 1988, the family donated a red Chestnut Prospector canoe to the Canadian Canoe Museum in Peterborough, Ontario. The Chestnut Prospector was Bill's favorite. He believed it to be the most versatile canoe design ever made.

It was Bill Mason's dream and goal that his books, art, and films would create in Canadians a love and respect for the wilderness that would inspire in us the political will to preserve our majestic wilderness regions for future generations to enjoy.



Harry 'Red' Foster, born in 1905, was a pioneer in Canadian broadcasting and advertising and was a great humanitarian.

He was passionate about sports. He played, coached and managed teams. He got an early start in advertising when, as a teenager, he landed a job writing advertising copy for sports events.

In 1931 he brought radio and wrestling together just as both were becoming popular. The company that owned the radio station also owned the Eveready Battery Company that sponsored the event. This event ushered in a new era in broadcasting where every sports event would be tied to a sponsor. Harry was a one-man production team for his shows. He sold ads for his shows, wrote the copy, printed the programs, did the play-by-play commentary and read the commercials.

The first coast-to-coast broadcast of the Canadian Football League's Grey Cup Game happened in November 1931 with Harry hosting the event. Three years later the football championship, hosted by Foster, was broadcast across Canada on a full radio network.

Foster established his advertising company in 1934. By 1944 his agency was both creating and producing original radio programming and providing the advertising sponsors to go with them. He hired young radio stars such as Lorne Greene (featured on the recent Canadians in Hollywood stamps) to act in them.

With the advent of television, Harry moved into that medium as well when his company organized the first telecast of the Grey Cup Game for the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation in 1952. The agency looked after production of programming for the 1954 Commonwealth Games as well as the Grey Cup Game, again both for the CBC.

Growing up, Harry had a brother John, 'Jackie' who was handicapped by both Down's Syndrome and blindness. In an era when the mentally handicapped were usually hidden away in institutions, the Foster family loved Jackie and included him in the family's everyday life.

Harry saw first-hand the discrimination suffered by the handicapped and resolved to help change this. He established the Harry Foster Foundation in 1954 to create awareness of the contributions that the handicapped could offer society if given the chance. Through the Foundation he was a tireless fundraiser for the handicapped providing seed capital for many organizations working on their behalf. Many of these organizations that he helped establish, such as the Canadian Special Olympics and the Associations for Community Living still exist today.

Harry 'Red' Foster was inducted into the Canadian Sports Hall of Fame and was awarded the Medal of Service of the Order of Canada for his humanitarian work. He died in 1985.

Ralph Wyndham has graciously allowed us to reprint his article 'Legendary Canadians' published in the August 2007 issue of the Saugeen Stamp Club Bulletin. Ralph is the editor of the Saugeen Stamp Club Bulletin and has received a silver award from the American Philatelic Society for his work on the Club's Bulletins.

On the Cover...

Law Society of Saskatchewan

Once again I have been lucky enough to be able to do our newsletter mailing on the day of issue of our 'stamp on cover'. Actually today two stamps are being issued and although they are completely separate issues they have their historical roots in common. The stamp that I decided to use on the cover celebrates the 100th anniversary of the Law Society of Saskatchewan; the other celebrates the same for the Law Society of Alberta.

Every province and territory in Canada has a law society govern and control all the lawyers practicing in each area.



(Most of us would like to see a few more controls on lawyers!) The Law Society of the North-West Territories was formed in 1895 and incorporated in 1898. In 1905 Saskatchewan and Alberta became separate provinces with their own provincial laws. It was decided that the LSNWT had to split. In April 1907 the province of Saskatchewan allowed the formation of a new law society which became incorporated September 16 1907.

The stamp shows an old photograph of the 'Benchers', the nine founding members of the Law Society of Saskatchewan and a small portion of the registry role of the society. The stamps are available in a sheet of eight with a layout as if for a sheet of sixteen. The stamp images are staggered over a background of the 'Benchers' photograph on the left and a close up of the signatures on the handmade paper

registry role on the right. It is difficult to create an image with words for the reader who has not seen this sheet of stamps. The overall result is uncommon but quite handsome.



The stamp created for the centenary of the Law Society of Alberta appears to be a warm and solid image of Law and order that is actually quite clever. The image is a montage of an old photograph of the Law Society's first president; James Muir, the ubiquitous judge's gavel and what appear to be volumes of legal books. The spine of the top book bears the name of the man shown in the photo. The middle volume has the word 'Centennial' in English and French, while the third book is titled 'The Law Society of Alberta'. All you really need to know about the subject of the stamp is right before your eyes. This stamp has been printed in a pane of sixteen.

From the Editor...

We had another 'one page challenge' at our August meeting. I was glad to see Al Roos join the fray. I had the great fortune to win that round and have picked the subject 'the harvest' for October. I'm sure that our creative bunch can come with a number of definitions for harvest and we still have a whole month to put together one sheet. Remember that it is to contain at least three different types of philatelic objects.

Our American visitor, Lesley Bolte showed up for the meeting. It was good to see her again.

We've got our show and bourse coming fast in October as well as the information display. Both events could use lots of volunteers. Stamp donations for the children's box would be welcome and of course I will be happy to use up your damaged stamps for my stamp boxes. I hope to see as many of you as possible at the meeting on Wednesday.

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The Owen Sound Stamp Club meets at 7:00 pm on the third Wednesday of each month in the basement of St. George's Anglican Church (corner of 10th St. E. and 4th Ave. E.). The main business of the evening is typically to trade, buy and sell stamps and philatelic material. An Auction is often held at 8:00 pm.

There are presently about 20 active members whose interests cover just about everything at all levels, from beginner to expert.

New members are always most welcome.

Annual membership fees: Full-\$10; Family-\$15; Junior- Free

Members and guests also contribute \$1 at each meeting which is passed directly to St. George's Church in appreciation for allowing us to use their room.

The OSSC Newsletter is distributed to all members. Opinions expressed in the newsletter are expressly those of the individual author.

Contributions to the newsletter are most welcome. Please submit any news, information, opinions or announcements to the editor.

OSSC Library:

Books in the library are available for loan to any member (but please return at the next meeting).

Present holdings include:

Postage Stamp Catalogue – Scott (2000)

Catalogue of Canadian Stamps – Unitrade (2000)

Concise Catalogue of Great Britain Stamps – Stanley Gibbons (2004)

Catalogue of Canadian Stamps & Supplies – CWS (2005)

Canadian Errors, Freaks & Oddities – Darnel

The Edward VII Issue of Canada by G. C. Marler (Nat. Postal Museum, 1975)

The Admiral Issue of Canada by C.C. Marler

Canadian Fancy Cancellations of the Nineteenth Century

Numerous journals (still only partly sorted) including:

The Canadian Philatelist (RSPC); Scott's Monthly; Topical Times (Journal of the American Topical Assoc.); and Details (Canada Post)

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