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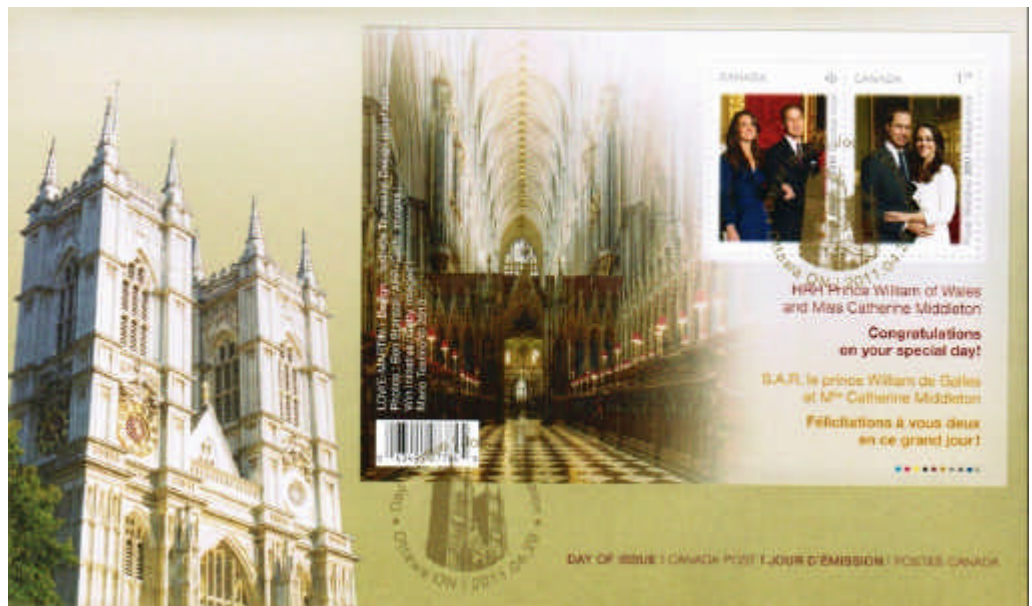
The Royal Wedding: William & Kate

by Michael Peach

The world was watching as Prince William married Catherine Middleton in Westminster Abbey on Friday 29 April last, officially becoming the Duke and Duchess of Cambridge.



Canada issued a stamp to mark the wedding of his grandparents, Princess Elizabeth and Phillip Mountbatten, but did not mark either of the two weddings of his father, Prince Charles. Canada Post issued two stamps to mark this wedding. The stamps were unveiled on 16 April by the Governor General, David Johnston, and Canada Post President and CEO, Deepak Chopra, at a ceremony in Rideau Hall on 15 April. There are two stamps, 59¢ for the domestic rate and \$1.75 for the international rate. The 59¢ stamp shows a picture of the couple when their engagement was announced last November, and the \$1.75 stamp has Mario Testino's official engagement portrait. The stamps are available in booklets of 10. There is a mini-sheet of both stamps with a background of Westminster Abbey. The front of the Abbey is shown on the official FDC of the mini-sheet. Canada Post also issued a domestic rate postcard and an envelope with the 59¢ stamp and a pane of 16 stamps, eight of each value. A limited number of the



mini-sheets were overprinted in gold foil with Prince William's Coat of Arms. The stamps were originally slated to be issued on 2 May, but after this became Election Day, it was rescheduled for the Wedding Day, 29 April. Two first day covers were listed on eBay on the unveiling day, 15 April, but did not sell. The two different covers had been given to each participant at the unveiling.

Other countries have issued commemorative stamps and mini-sheets. There was an error in the original New Zealand presentation pack, giving Prince William's birthday as 21 May 1982, rather than 21 June. This was rapidly corrected.

The stamps of Niue, released on 23 March, are quite different. The set-tenant pair of stamps has an engagement portrait of the couple, with perforations in middle giving two single stamps. There was also a mini-sheet. These stamps evoked considerable critical comments. The perforations separate the couple, and in order to use just one stamp the couple must be torn apart: not a good omen for the marriage.



Canadian Siberian Expeditionary Force

By John Simms

When I started 're-collecting' stamps a few years ago, I was an accumulator – fast forward to today and while I am still too much of an accumulator, I have discovered 'covers'. One of my more interesting covers is the one shown below, mailed from Vladivostok, Siberia to Winnipeg, Canada on 8 May, 1919 (or is that August 5th?). In WWI, the YMCA, Salvation Army, Red Cross, and the Knights of Columbus (K of C), all provided our troops with some form of stationery to use when writing home. This particular cover clearly displays that is provided by the Knights of Columbus – even though it is partially obscured the censor strip and postage. Although obscured by the postage, two lines of text at the top centre of these envelopes reads "CANADIAN SIBERIAN EXPEDITION / *On Active Service*".

Aside from the philatelic community and a few historians, not many people are aware the Canada played a small and mostly unsuccessful part in the Russian Revolution. The **Canadian Siberian Expeditionary Force**, also known as the Canadian Expeditionary Force (Siberia), was sent to Vladivostok, Russia during the Russian Revolution assist the White Russians (representing the deposed Romanov Dynasty and other conservative and Nationalist forces) in Northern Russia around of Murmansk and Archangel against the Red Russians, led by Vladimir I. Lenin. Over 4000 Canadian soldiers were authorized in August 1918 and sent in several



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Nova Scotia Stamp Club meets at 7:30 p.m. on every second Tuesday of the month (except July and August) at the Nova Scotia Museum, 1747 Summer Street, Halifax, N.S. The club publishes a monthly newsletter (except summer) which is released on the first week of the month.

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contingents. War weary Western governments soon lost interest in the fighting with the disorganized, badly led Whites and the force departed to Canada between April and 3 June 1919, with only 24 casualties lost to the cause.

The cover shows the initials C.A.H. under the K of C Canada on the maple leaf, which refers to "Catholic Army Hut". These particular covers are seen with cancel dates into 1920, and it was suggested that some envelopes were left behind when the Canadians left and subsequently used by local forces mostly to Canadian addresses (The Canadian Society of Russian Philately,

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COVER STORY

by Michael Peach

Postal stationery postcard with 1¢ stamp to the Halifax Philatelic Co., P.O. Box 219, Halifax, was mailed from Toronto on 19 February 1888. Mr. Delarme is requesting a copy of the February 1888 issue of the Halifax Philatelist. Mr. Delarme's spelling is not very good!

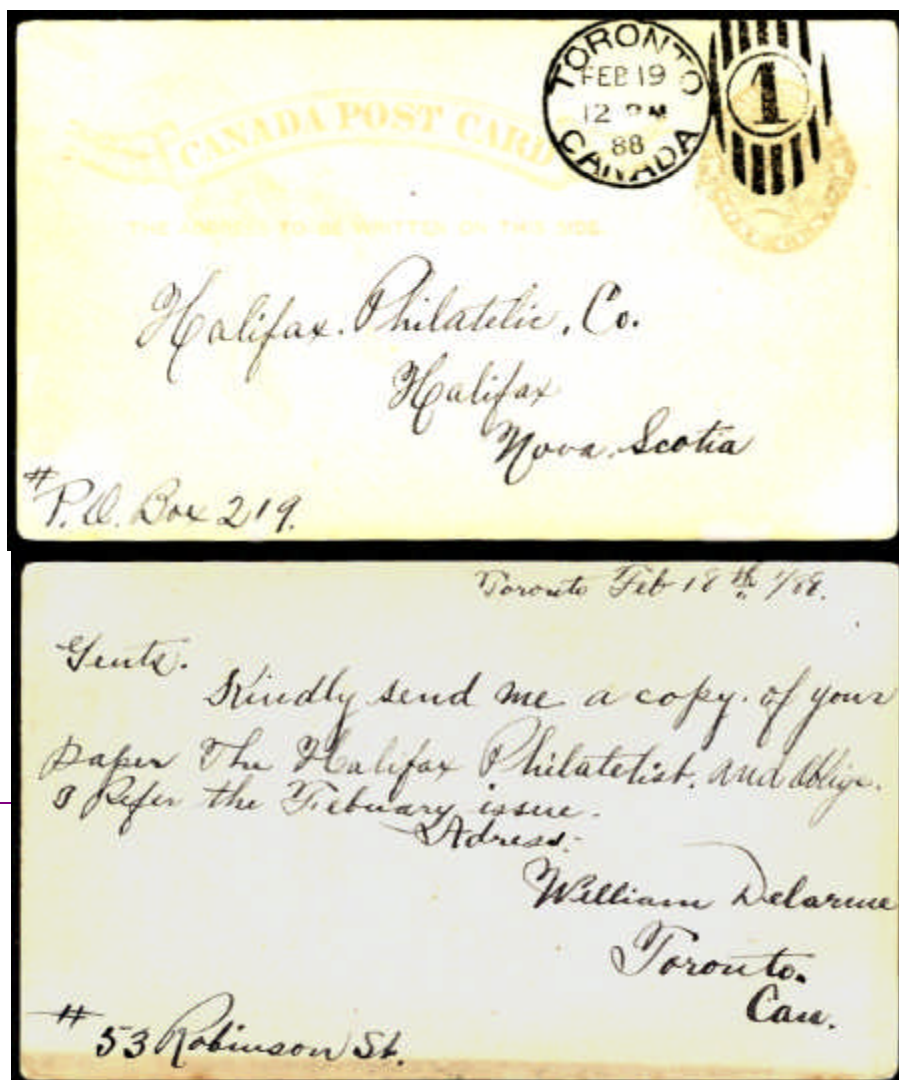
The Halifax Philatelist was published from January 1887 to July 1889, by the Halifax Philatelic Publishing Co., who in the earlier issues is also listed as editors. It was the official organ of the Nova Scotia Philatelic Association and the Canadian Philatelic Association. It is available on line at www.rpsc.org, and checking the Canadian Philatelist. The membership list of the CPA in the September 1887 issue shows that Box 219 belonged to S. DeWolfe, who is also shown in the membership of the Nova Scotia Philatelic Association, February 1888 issue, as living at 35 Cogswell Street..

Stamp Oddities

This month's oddity is not a stamp but a postcard submitted by Jack Forbes. The card, spotted on eBay, shows the scene of a rather active looking airport (circa 1940s), with the caption, Antigonish N.S. Jack checked with an Antigonish area historian that claims that there is no record of an airport in that town. It would appear that the postcard may be of a generic nature where a printer took a "stock" photo, and attributed the picture to various locations, although "RCAF Photo" is visible in the lower right corner. Are there any other examples out there of this photo being used for other towns?



If you find something odd please submit it to the newsletter, maybe you have already gotten to the bottom of the oddity or you need some help figuring it out. - Ed,



CSEF continued

Yamschick=The Post-Rider No. 8 May 1981).

The date indicia in the cancellation shows as "8 5 19" which I assume is May 8th, not August 5th using the Day/Month/Year format. Other examples of this cover seen with Vladivostok cancels and destination back stamps with the month shown (i.e. Jun) reveal that this is indeed May 8th. It is also in keeping with the time frame of the Canada's presence in Siberia.

To further confuse matters on dates in Russia, the Council of People's Commissars issued a decree on 24 January 1918, that Wednesday, 31 January 1918 was to be followed by Thursday, 14 February 1918, thus dropping 13 days from the calendar. However, the White Russians in Siberia probably would not have changed their calendar until after their defeat by the Red Army! The date of this cover would then be May 21st on the Gregorian Calendar if used by Reds.

Thanks to Lazlo Szantor and Jeff Parks for the invaluable help with the research. Any assistance or further clarification on these issues that any reader might provide would be greatly appreciated.

Classifieds

The Rod Glover Collection

Over the years Rod had assembled a large collection, primarily of the Machins issue of Great Britain. It can be broken down into several large units:

- ?? Booklets, covering the approximately period 1978-98 (3 binders)
- ?? Machins up to about 2000, new and used, mint blocks etc. (several binders)
- ?? Commemoratives, about 1982-96, mainly mint (several binders)
- ?? Pre-decimal collection, new and used in album.

Edward and Sarah would like to sell these items as large blocks. Interested? Please contact Michael Peach, 832-1662,

Hayden Collection

There is still a considerable amount of material in Mrs. Barbara Hayden's collection that she donated to the club for it's benefit. Countries (mint and used) include: Canada, United States, Great Britain, Ireland, New Zealand, Australia.

If you wish to review and/or purchase any of this material contact Jeff Parks 876-0099.

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Amanda Lewis has begun a business selling stamps and supplies - more details will follow in future editions. You can contact Amanda at ARL1964@yahoo.ca.

Chuckle

From R.P. Way, Antique Dealer (1956). Not Long after my father died, a new client began to visit me nearly every Saturday morning. He was looking for fine quality Bristol porcelain and he also collected first quality Chinese blue and white porcelain of the Kangxi period (Qing Dynasty).

One Saturday I sold him a very good Bristol porcelain chocolate pot and cover, and he asked me if I'd like to bring it out to his house the next day, and at the same time see his collection. I said I'd be delighted to do so, and, as he was leaving the sop, he asked me if I knew what his business was in London. I told him I hadn't the slightest

idea. He then said he owned the firm Stanley Gibbons, the great British philatelists in the Strand, His name - Hamilton Smith.

'Why,' I said only this week I've been reading about you in a London newspaper. It is from you that King George VI has just bought a very rare Mauritius stamp for his collection, isn't it?'

'That's right,' he said, 'but I wish he hadn't heard I'd got it. I'd have obtained much more from one of my own clients.

You see, I'm only allowed 10 percent profit on the purchase price of any stamp that goes into the Royal collection.'

'Couldn't you have told His Majesty that you already offered it to one of you clients?' I asked.

'Mr. Way,' he answered solemnly, 'over my front door in the Strand I've a small carved English Coat of Arms. It took me the hell of a lot of hard work and honest dealing to get it up there, and it would take a very few sentences, such as you've just suggested, to bring it tumbling down again.'

Send me your articles and cover stories now. Unless of a timely nature, items will be printed on a first come basis. Thanks for all those who have contributed in the past we look forward to hearing from you again. **The next deadline for the June issue is May 27, 2011.**

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