

Canadian Royal Visit Stamp

Tribute To Queen Elizabeth, Prince Philip; Royal Couple Will Arrive During October

Canada's Postmaster General William Hamilton has announced the day of issue for the Royal Visit commemorative stamp. It will publicize the visit of Great Britain's popular royal couple, Queen Elizabeth and Prince Philip, to Canada next month. The stamp will be of special interest to people of the United States inasmuch as this country will be included in their itinerary. The stamp will have a denomination of 5c, be in the "regular" postage size, and have a black color. Printing is from engraved plates at the Canadian Bank Note Co., Ltd. at Ottawa.



The design was adapted from photographs taken by Karsh of Ottawa. There will be 100 to the pane.

Collectors will be offered the opportunity of first day covers and the purchase of mint copies at face. Instructions are given below for each type service. These must be followed to avoid error and disappointment.

Details for first day covers and/or the purchase of mint copies at face are as follows—

All patrons who desire to have First Day Covers bearing the new stamp, specially cancelled on the day of issue, are required to forward self-addressed envelopes to the Postmaster, Ottawa 2, Ont., Canada, not to the Philatelic Section, to arrive not later than October 8.

All must contain "fillers" and must be sealed or have the flaps turned in. To avoid errors the patron should mark on the cover, upper right hand corner, the quantity of stamps to be affixed to each.

Do not fold envelopes when forwarding through the mails. Enclose all in an outside wrapper marked "First Day of Issue". Return will be by ordinary mail unless it is specifically requested that they be returned by registered mail.

Covers to be returned by registered mail must include an additional 20c registration prepayment fee.

Orders for first day cover service must not include orders for mint or unused stamps. Remarks or inquiries not related directly to the order for First Day Covers should be written on a separate piece of paper.

In addition to the cost of postage required to be affixed at or-

inary, airmail or registered mail rates, collectors must include in their remittance sufficient money to pay the Department's cover service fee amounting to 5c for each, forwarded for service.

The necessary space should be allowed if blocks of stamps are ordered.

The Postmaster, Ottawa, cannot guarantee to supply plate blocks of four stamps which will be distributed as equitably as the supply permits. The Philatelic Section will not handle First Day Covers.

The postage rate on first class mail for delivery in North and South America, the British Commonwealth, France and Spain, is 5c. The first class mail rate for Ottawa local delivery is 4c and for countries not mentioned above is 6c. The fee required for registration is 20c additional. Avoid covers being spoiled by postage due markings by prepaying sufficient postage.

Remittances for First Day Covers are to be made payable to the "Receiver General of Canada" and sent to the Postmaster, Ottawa 2, Ont., Canada.

Remittances for mint stamps are to be made payable to the "Receiver General of Canada" and sent directly to the Post Office Department, Philatelic Section, Financial Branch, Ottawa 4, Ont., Canada. Orders for the stamp in selected mint condition may now be sent to the Philatelic Section and the orders will be filled and returned at the earliest possible date after October 10.

Remittances should be made by means of postal money order or bank draft in Canadian funds, payable to the "Receiver General of Canada". Patrons from countries other than Canada or the United States should forward remittances by means of an international Money Order. Postal Notes cannot be accepted. If cash is sent, it should be in a registered package. Postage stamps are not acceptable as a remittance.

Plate number blocks will only be supplied from the Philatelic Section of the Department with orders for these stamps in mint condition. 100 stamps, a full pane, must be ordered for each plate number block desired.



PRESENTATION TO AIR FORCE BASE. Members of the Selma, Ala. Stamp Club prepared a frame with a mint pane of the recently issued Air Force 50th anniversary commemorative, and two first day covers to Craig Air Force Base three miles from Selma. It will hang in the headquarters of the commanding officer. Reading from left to right are club secretary Jerry Prince; club president Art Lewis; Col. Lee F. Dusard, Jr. base commander; Hallie Chapman, club vice president.

President Eisenhower Makes Surprise Appearance At The Magsaysay Stamp Ceremony

Ernest A. Kehr

Postmaster General Arthur E. Summerfield was in his private office with Secretary of State John Foster Dulles, Vice President Nixon and Gen. Carlos P. Romulo, Philippine ambassador, when his phone rang a moment before they were ready to file into the adjacent room.

"Thank you, Mr. President," was all he said. Turning to the group, he announced that Mr. Eisenhower was dropping his White House deskwork and hurrying right over to attend the special ceremony planned to "preview" the 8c stamp honoring the late Ramon Magsaysay, president of the Philippines.

L. Robt Walter, his assistant got on the phone to notify the press. A dozen extra photographers and newsreel and TV cameramen got into the crowded room only moments before the President arrived. It was a surprise of which not a single invited guest was aware.

The ceremonies were held in the huge, walnut-paneled room across the hall from Mr. Summerfield's private office. Some 250 members of the diplomatic corps, a number of United States legislators and cabinet members plus a selected number of philatelic personalities had been sent special invitations and were present in full force. An enlargement of the new stamp, hand tinted hung behind the lectern which displayed the Post Office Department, and not the Presidential

seal. Though an extra green-upholstered chair was hurriedly placed in the front, there wasn't time to get the seal which normally is used when the President makes a public speech. Nor was his name on the program.

The spontaneity with which he came attests to Mr. Eisenhower's appreciation of a stamp ceremony, even though he stated that he "just could not refrain from joining in tribute to the foremost champion of Liberty this generation has known." A number of diplomats were heard to express surprise that he would have come from the White House "just to watch a new stamp being introduced."

Mr. Nixon, Secretary Dulles, who knew Mr. Magsaysay well, and Mr. Summerfield pulled out all the stops in praising the late president whose portrait appears on the new stamp. Mr. Eisenhower spoke without notes and heaped praise upon the tributes already expressed.

During it all, Gen. Romulo was visibly moved and several times was noted wiping a tear from

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PLATE BLOCK THOUGHTS and COMMENTS

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Values, Real and Imaginary

Not as a matter of questioning right or wrong, good or bad, but merely as a fact, probably a majority of plate block collectors enjoy knowing the value of their holdings as they grow older. Since the knowledge of various values of earlier and better plate blocks provides a certain satisfaction and frequently an exciting thrill, it is well to ponder a bit as to what makes for greater or lesser values in our plate blocks, and above all, whether these values are real or imaginary?

Where and how they rise is also a good question and worthy of consideration to such extent as it is possible to establish the causes for their rise.

If plate blocks in their simplest form in which they are collected were difficult to obtain, I believe there would be fewer collectors than we have right now. The fascination for plate block collecting is frequently spontaneous. Probably the most common reason for collecting them is that there is only one on each sheet of from 50 to 100 stamps.

We have become generally accustomed to the fact that plate blocks should and do maintain a premium higher than that of an ordinary block without the plate number. The first question then is, what would be the basic value of the average ordinary plate block?

Some time back it has been explained in greater detail that a fair evaluation of a new and current plate block would be 25c for a 3c issue. This takes into consideration the fact that a dealer calculates his overhead, his investment, his time and his services before arriving at that figure.

If, however, he can see his way clear to do so, the same plate block is often sold at figures considerably less than 25c. Nevertheless, theoretically, a 25c price for a 3c plate block may not be regarded as too high.

While this is only basic, one's curiosity is greatly aroused toward the many issues of the past and what makes them appreciate in value. All collectors have a hungry desire to determine the values of such older and early issues in their holdings, as well as the values of those plate blocks which they still need and would like to buy.

Besides the old and early issues, some relatively recent

plate blocks, or specific numbers or positions of them frequently rise in value because of their elusiveness. There too the desire to know their value is unusually great. You will appreciate the difficulty in determining true value when you stop to realize the fact that we live in a vast country of 170 million people, widespread over 48 states.

Our stamps are printed in the many millions—on the 3c commemoratives, a hundred million or more. The obvious attempt of our Bureau of Engraving and Printing is to issue enough stamps to go around to everyone interested.

Naturally, as stamps are used in the mails they gradually diminish in supply. Once a stamp rests on the number in the hands of collectors, dealers and some outlying post offices which may still have limited supplies. Usually by that time collectors and dealers have had their supplies taken care of, and only collectors of the future will have to concern themselves with how easy or difficult it will be to obtain those particular stamps.

When you consider how huge the supply of every new issue is, you cannot help but wonder how great an undertaking it is, trying to determine true value of plate blocks, especially in specific numbers and positions, once they cease to be current and commonly available. A true evaluation should really come from many reliable sources, in all sections of the country, which would reflect a reasonably true status of availability of past issues. Unfortunately an organization equal to this undertaking would have to be great—Who can and who would support such an enterprise?

In every field we do have the law of supply and demand, which is another way of saying the article in demand would be priced according to its availability and according to the seller's price based on the cost to himself, plus a reasonable markup for resale.

(To Be Continued)

Chillicothe Society Has Special Cachet

The Chillicothe, Ohio Philatelic Society will sponsor a special cachet for the 150th anniversary of "Adena", the home of Thomas Worthington, long-ago member of the Ohio Territorial Legislature and fourth governor of the state.

The design will include a portrait of Worthington and a view of the homestead. It will be released October 19.

Collectors desiring covers may send 10c each, plus name and address, to Robert D. West, P. O. Box 366, Chillicothe, Ohio, to reach him by the date mentioned.

British Policy Blasted By PEP

What began in the distant past as the faintest, meekest possible protests of stamp collectors has finally taken root and grown until it has at last found sufficient volume and authority to reach the sacred precincts of the British Postal powers.

The most recent form taken by the ever-increasing protest against the Crown's see-hear-know-do-nothing attitude of maintaining the philatelic policy and tradition of the past 117 years comes in the form of an impartial survey by "Political and Economic Planning"—an independent investigating and reporting organization.

PEP, as the group is known, made some-to them-startling discoveries as to how the government is losing out on the fountain of funds which philatelists keep flowing in so many directions other than England-ward.

During the period 1939-55, PEP points out, Britain issued 55 major varieties of stamps, less than one-fourth the issues of the United States. Thus Britain lost heavily in two directions—actual revenue from sales to collectors, and the propaganda value of wisely chosen designs more frequently issued.

In cold cash, PEP states that the average profit per set of Crown Colonies issues is \$15,000 to \$25,000 at the Crown Agents, not including on-the-scene sales to collectors, First Day covers and other strictly stamp collector "take".

On British Post Office stamp issue policy, the report contends, the authorities are too cautious. The publicity value is not being properly exploited; sales to collectors would far outweigh the costs... the difference between current practices and those of other countries high in philatelic regard... is such that "much could be done" without prejudice to tradition.

PEP urges more imagination, more frequent commemoratives, more stamp stationery, and the establishing of a philatelic sales agency.

The first appreciable crack in the "tradition" armor came with the recent Boy Scout Jamboree issue. Philatelists are hopeful that results—meaning profits—therefrom may lead to further awakening in high official circles in the London sector.

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