



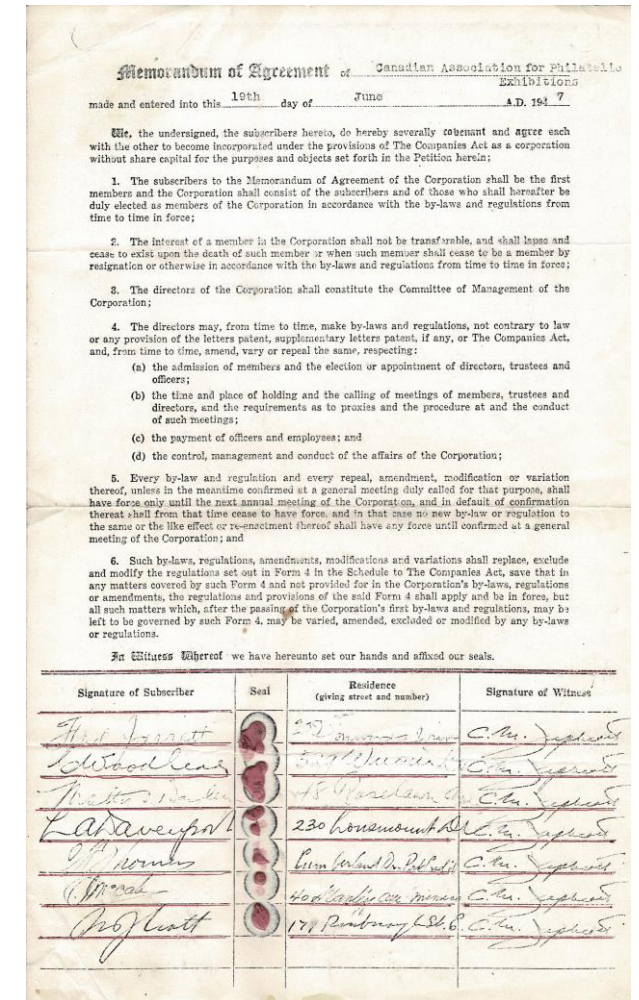
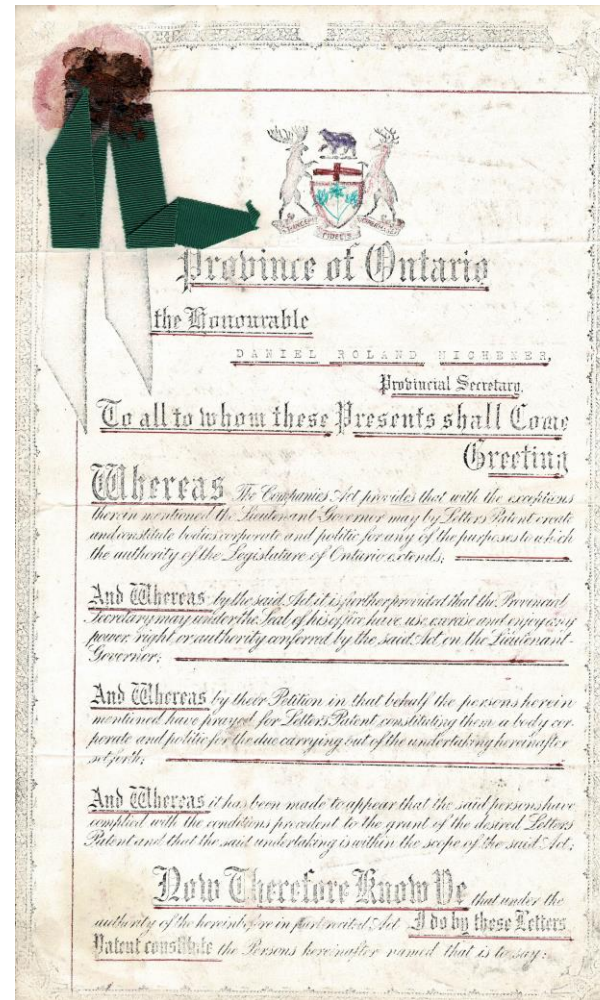
75 Years Ago (1947 -2022)
The Beginnings of CAPEX with
an Emphasis on CAPEX '51

Early 1947 - CAPEX

- Prominent Toronto philatelists create a non-profit organization after attending CIPEX 1947 in New York in May 1947
- They included Fred Jarrett, Cyril Woodhead, Walter S. Bailey, L. A. Davenport, C. R. Shorney, P. J. McCabe and Clarence Jephcott
- Named Canadian Association for Philatelic Exhibitions (CAPEX)
- Purpose:
 - Encouraging, promoting and holding philatelic exhibitions, competitions and displays
 - Encouraging generally the hobby of philately

Incorporation – June 19, 1947

- Approved by the Ontario Provincial Secretary: Daniel Roland Michener
- Later Speaker of the House of Commons (1957-1962)
- Governor General of Canada (1967-1974)



1947 - 1951

SUPPORT CANADA'S
FIRST INTERNATIONAL
PHILATELIC EXHIBITION

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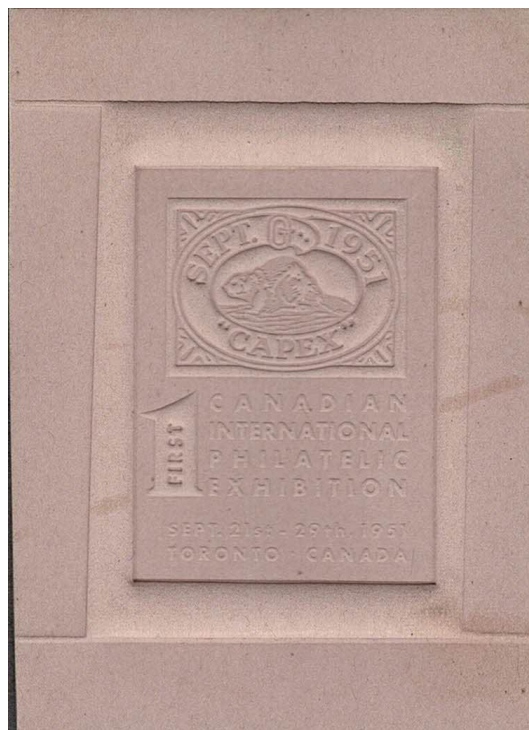
- Membership sold. Four types: Honorary, Life (\$25), Sustaining (\$10-5years) and Regular (\$2 per year)
- By December 1949 – 70 members including 30 Life members. By July 1951 – 730 members (104 Life)
- September 22, 1949 – First announcement of CAPEX '51
- October 25, 1949 – Appointment of a General Manager: Leslie A. Davenport
- October 25, 1949 Head Office - 70 Bloor Street West
- March, 1950 – Teresa Reiter, Executive Secretary, LONDON
1950 Organizational Secretary

Official Seals

- Sheets of 25 perforated labels
- 25¢ per sheet
- 6 sheets (\$1.25), 10 sheets (\$2.00) and 25 sheets (\$4.00)
- Produced by Rolph, Clark & Stone (Toronto) at no cost to CAPEX



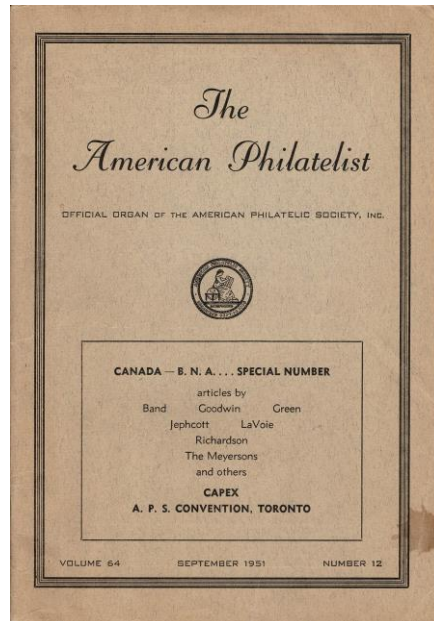
Flong (Newspaper Mat) and Imperforate Proofs on India



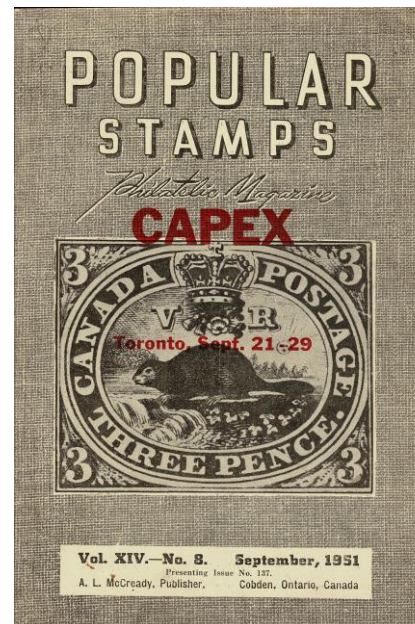
Official Seals on Cover



Periodicals – Special Numbers



- The American Philatelic Society Convention at CAPEX '51 – September 25-28, 1951
- Mac McCready, Editor of Popular Stamps – one of the main supporter of CAPEX '51



Official Hotels

- King Edward Hotel – Convention Headquarters
- Royal York Hotel
- King Edward Hotel – Booking reservation confirmation, September 26-28, 1951



IMPORTANT—Your Hotel Accommodation
re
"CAPEX"
Sept. 21st - 29th
1951

POST CARD
TORONTO, ONTARIO
JUL 3 5 30 PM
1951
CANADA

Your request for Hotel Reservations *Sept 26-28*
Wm. W. H. Russell, Moberly, Mo. noted.
Reservations have duly been made at The
King Edward Hotel

If any further information is desired, write
"Capex", 70 Bloor St. W., Toronto 5, or
A. EARL EDWARDS
Capex Conventions Manager
536 Bayview Avenue
TORONTO 17

Lester N. Littlefield, Esq.
52 West Emerson St.
Melrose 76
Mass.
U. S. A.

Venue –
Automotive
Building –
CNE
Grounds

September
21-29, 1951





Venue – Automotive Building – Publicity Postcards

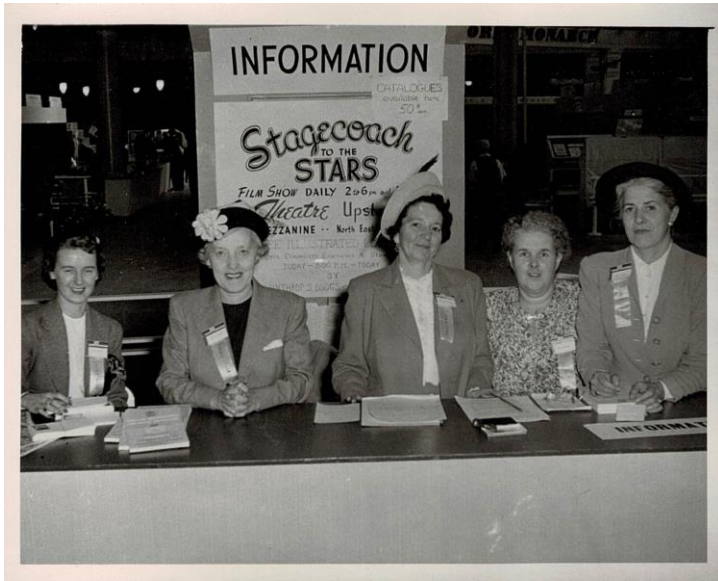


- Photogelatine postcard
- Normal and Overprinted cards
- Note blue rectangle on right overprinting the words MOTOR SHOW on the building
- September 29, 1951 – Last day of show card

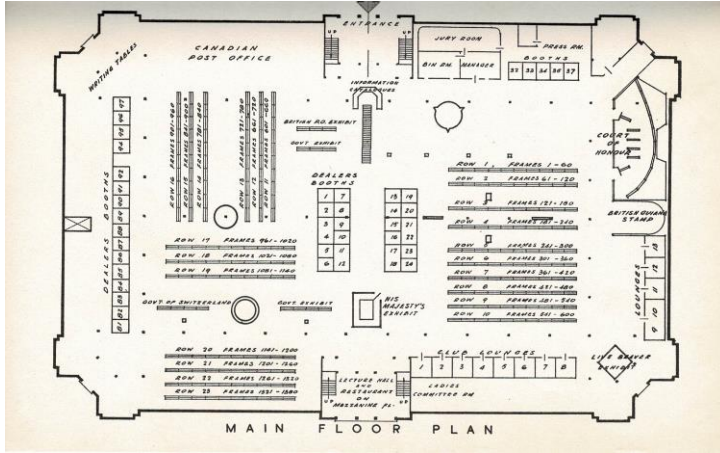
Opening Ceremonies

- September 21, 1951 – 11 AM
- Field Marshal His Excellency the Right Honourable Viscount Alexander of Tunis, KG, Governor General, Patron of CAPEX '51
- First Royal Patron (1947) of the Canadian Philatelic Association now the Royal Philatelic Society of Canada



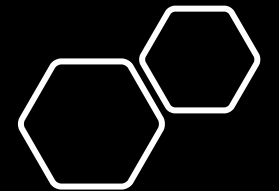


Admission & Registration



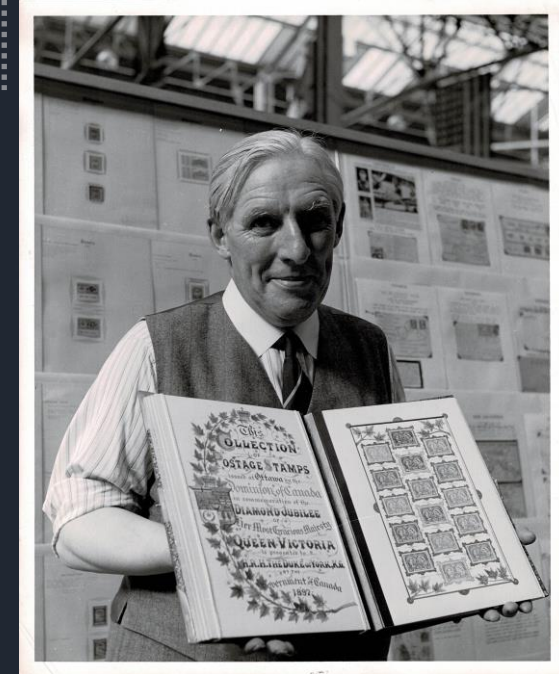
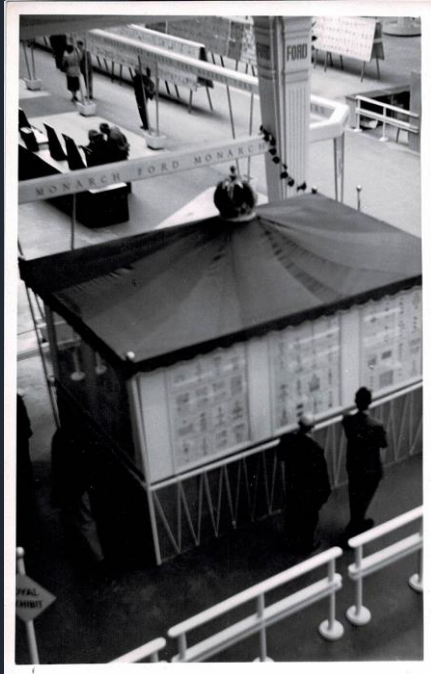
Venue – Automotrive Building - Inside

- Rented for \$10,000
- View of the frames (1332) and Court of Quality Society Booth/Lounge (13) – Union Philatélique de Montréal
- Borrowed tarp from the Community Response Unit to block light
- Live beavers



Court of Honour

- The Royal Philatelic Collection: 9 frames of 16 pages
- The 1856 British Guiana 1¢ Magenta held by Shirley Collins. Also exhibited at CAPEX '78.
- 56 frames of Gems from 42 collectors
- Pre-December 31, 1851 (except for BNA)
- Sir John Wilson, Bt, holding the 1897 Diamond Jubilee presentation book



Royal Philatelic Collection Book

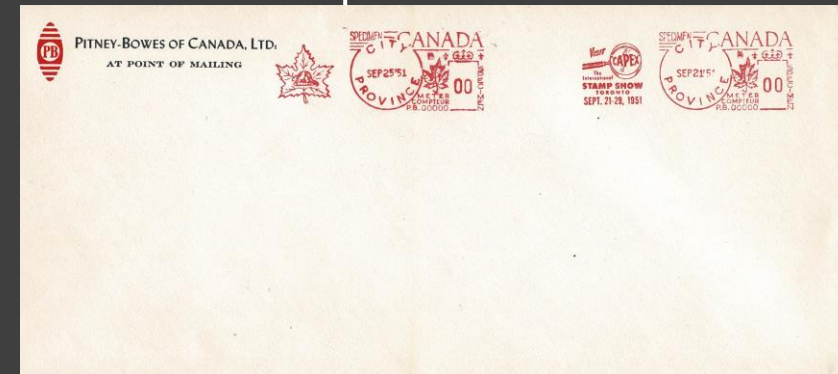
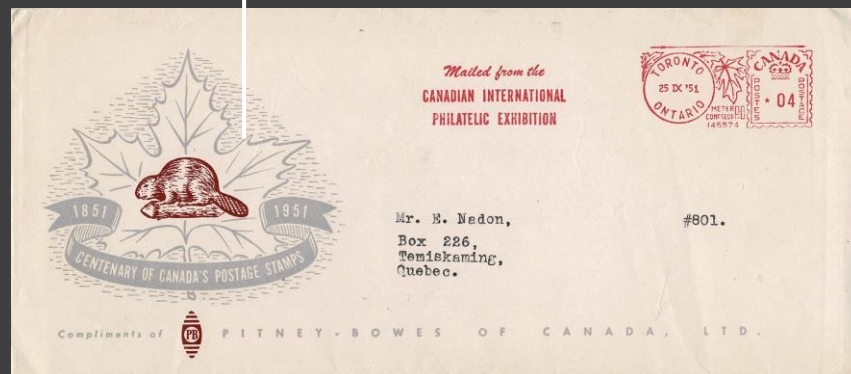
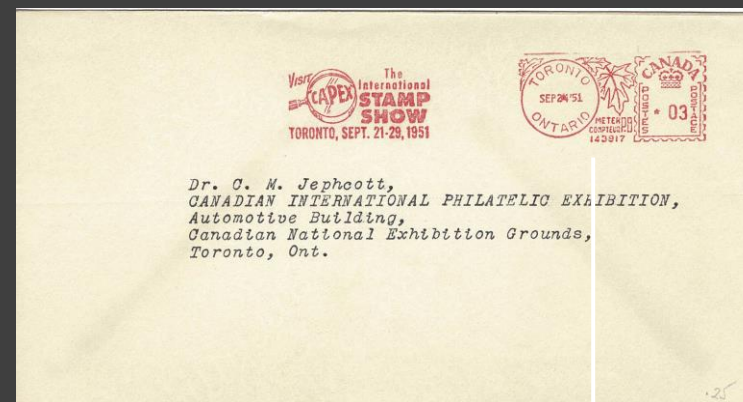
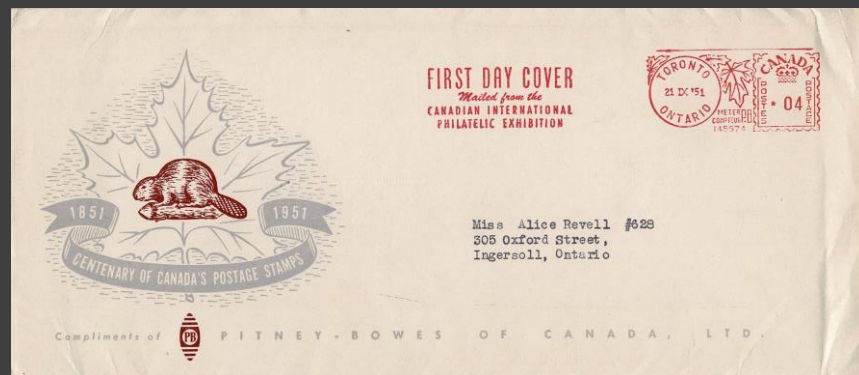


- Robson Lowe Ltd. Booth
- Sales prospectus available in September 1951
- Catalogue of nearly 250,000 items in the Collection
- Written by Sir John Marriot, Bt
- Published in 1952 by the Dropmore Press
- £190 including freight and insurance
- £190 = \$7160 US in 2020.
- Today from \$500 to \$800 with/without slipcover

Pitney-Bowes of Canada – Meter Mail

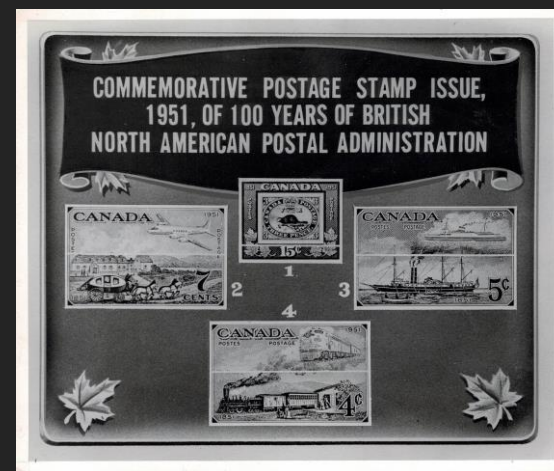
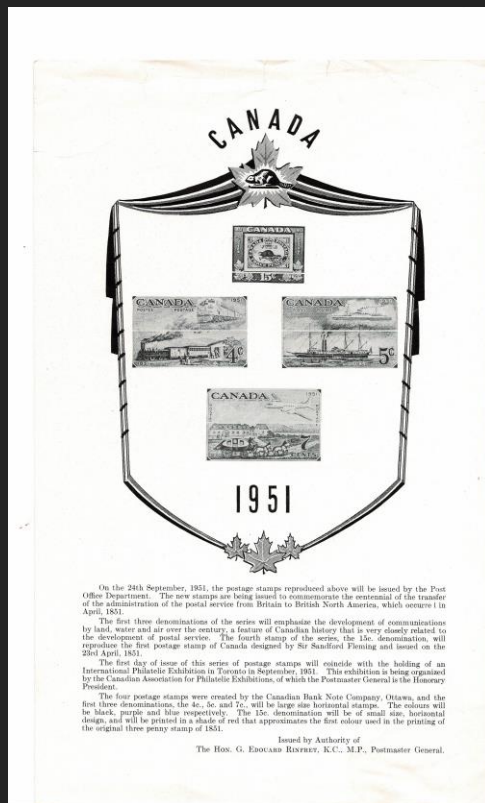
- Participated in CAPEX '51
- Many different slogans
- Specimen – September 18, 1951, and September 23 for labels
- In 1951, 40% of franking in Canada and the USA was metered mail
- Official first day of use – September 21, 1951





Pitney-Bowes of Canada - Slogans

Canadian Post Office Department - Promotion





The Stamps – September 24, 1951

- CAPEX '51 stamps put on sale
- Hon. G. Édouard Rinfret, CR, PMG officiated

The Stamps – September 24, 1951



Presentation Booklets

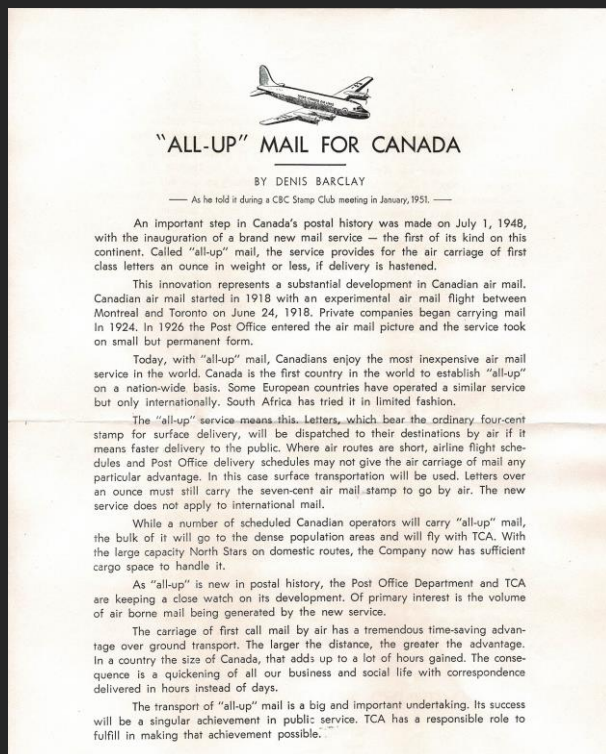


- Issued September 24, 1951
- Two types: blocks of 4 for sustaining members of CAPEX and plate blocks of 4 for Life members.
- Quantity unknown but at least 129 Life members and 640 Sustaining members would have received one plus unknown number of VIPs and Officials

First Day Covers – Official CAPEX

- CAPEX solely responsible for FDCs. Not Ottawa. Closing date for request September 22, 1951, at CAPEX offices.
- Serviced FDCs sold through The Stamp Collectors' Exchange Club (SCEC), Dealers and the CAPEX Office (blanks)
- SCEC – Booth 85
- Variety of configurations (single, pair, block and plate block) and combination covers
- 5¢ for a blank and \$2.10 for a complete plate block set of covers
- Also sold mint stamps including sheets.





First Day Covers — Trans-Canada Airlines



- Special FDC for CBC Stamp Club members – Announced September 6 by President Doug Patrick
- Used CAPEX '51 Official cachets with additional text in the address box.
- Map of TCA network at back
- Insert on “All-Up” Mail for Canada (Denis Barclay CBC Stamp Club, January 1951)

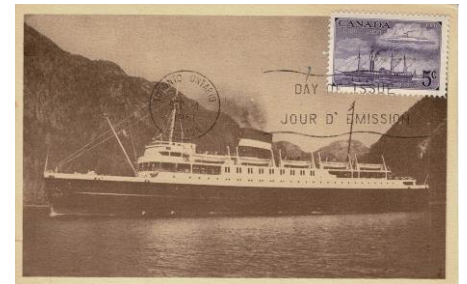
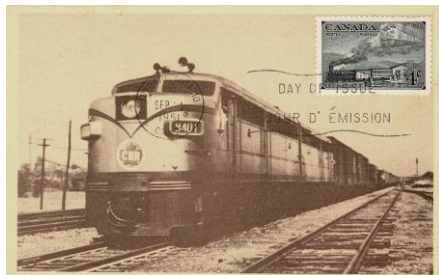
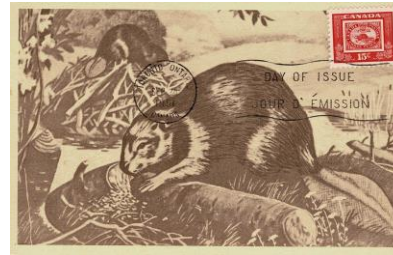
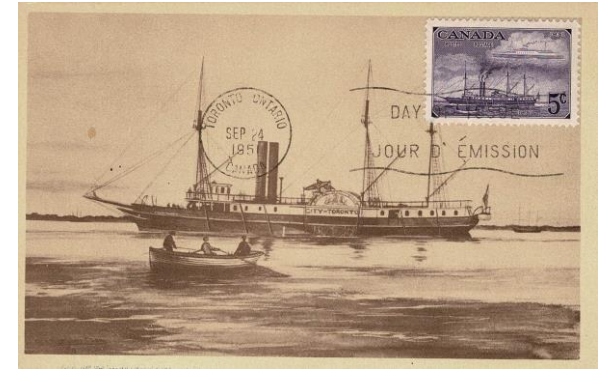
First Day Covers – Official USA

- Produced by The Washington Press of Newark, NJ
- ArtCraft and White Ace stamp albums displayed at Booth 33
- Official Cachet maker for CIPEX (1947) and the ASDA shows (1949, 1950)



First Day Covers — Maximart Cards

- Showing Diesel Electric Locomotive (4¢), a Trans-Canada *North Star* Airliner (7¢) and a Beaver (15¢)
- Two 5¢ cards: *SS City of Toronto* and *SS Prince George*
- *1850s train and Stage Coach cards are not recorded*
- *Published by TULANE, New York, NY*

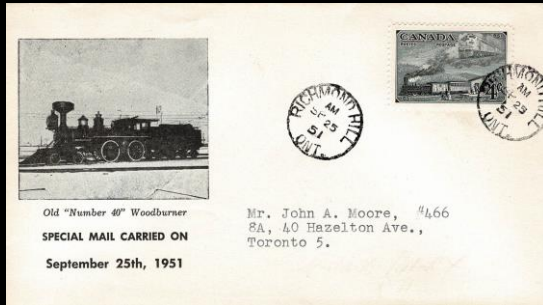


Sir Sandford Fleming Plaque

- Unveiled September 26, 1951, at 112 Yonge (65 Yonge – 1851), site of Sir Sanford's drafting office (2nd floor)
- By Sir John Marriot, Bart., CVO, Keeper of the Royal Philatelic Collection
- 1851 – John Bentley's drugstore
- 1951 – Huron & Erie Trust
- 2022 – TD Canada Trust
- V.G. Greene and Sheila Watson holding plaque



Richmond Hill to CAPEX '51 – CNR Train



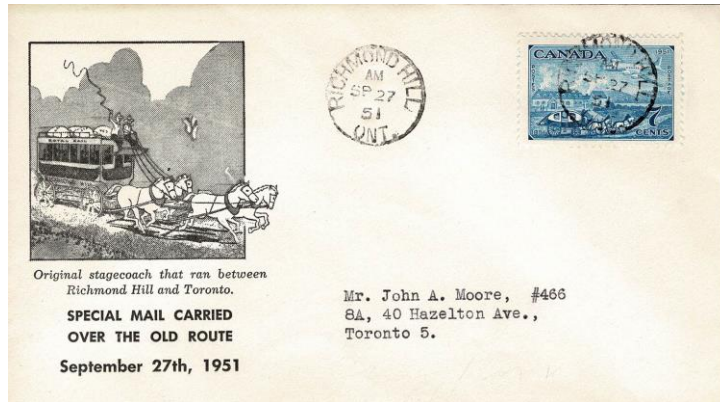
- September 25/27, 1951
- Old “Number 40” Woodburner
- Set of four covers
- Only to Life and Sustaining members of CAPEX



Richmond Hill to
CAPEX '51 – CNR
Train

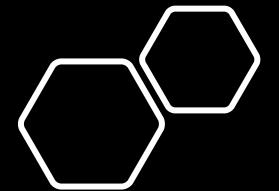


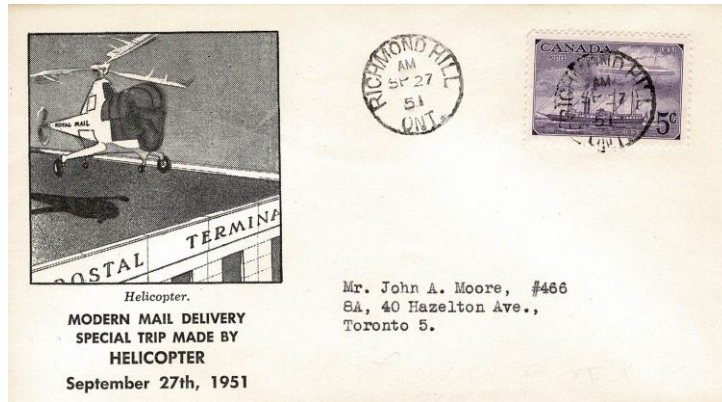
- Mail being delivered by Postmaster on horseback – Retired fireman William Ellison, retired mail courier Charles Foster and rider George Fitzsimmons
- Lord Tweedsmuir, GG and Patron of CAPEX '51, alighting from the engine car (September 21, 1951)



Richmond Hill to CAPEX '51 – Stage Coach

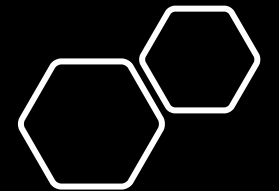
- September 27, 1951
- Coach “John Thompson” driven by Jerry Clark (left) and Mervin Hebden, Toronto Transit Commission employees
- Arrived at the same time as helicopter which left four hours later.

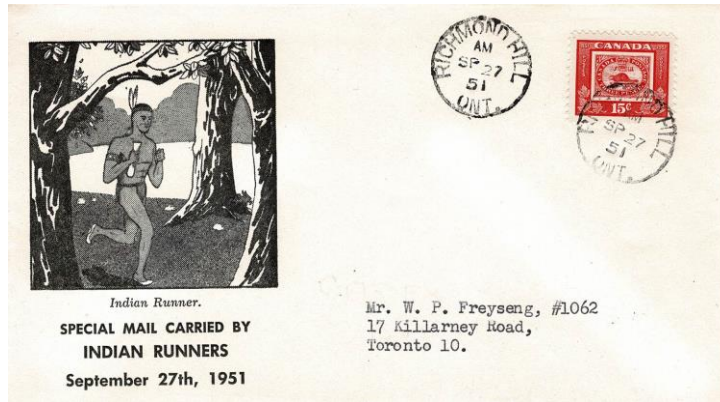




Richmond Hill to CAPEX '51 - Helicopter

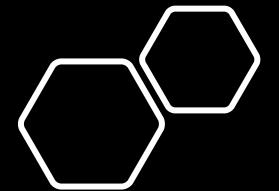
- September 27, 1951
- J. G. Léopold Langlois, MP,
Parliamentary Secretary to the PMG
receiving the mail from L. A . Davenport
- Pilot Elton Smith – Bell Aircraft Corp.





Richmond Hill to CAPEX '51 – Indian & Modern Runner

- September 27, 1951
- Relay team of runners – Indian runner unidentified.
- Ray Beaumont of Toronto's Red Devils Club hands mail to J. N. Craig, Postmaster at Toronto

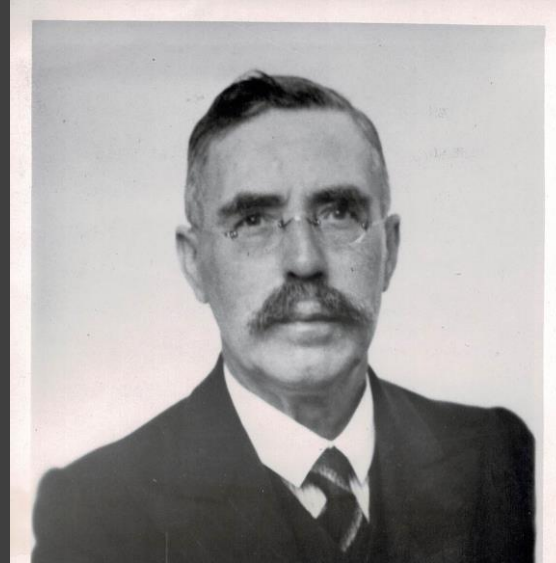




Richmond Hill to
CAPEX '51 – Pony Express

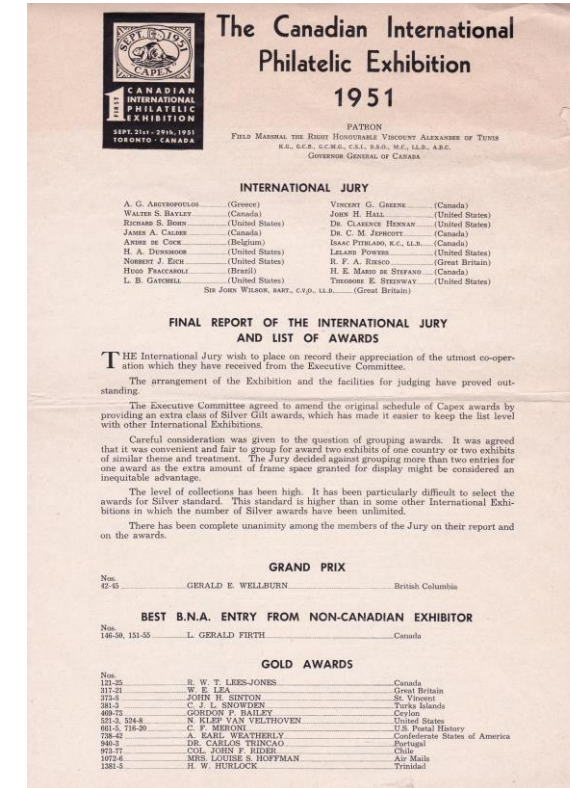
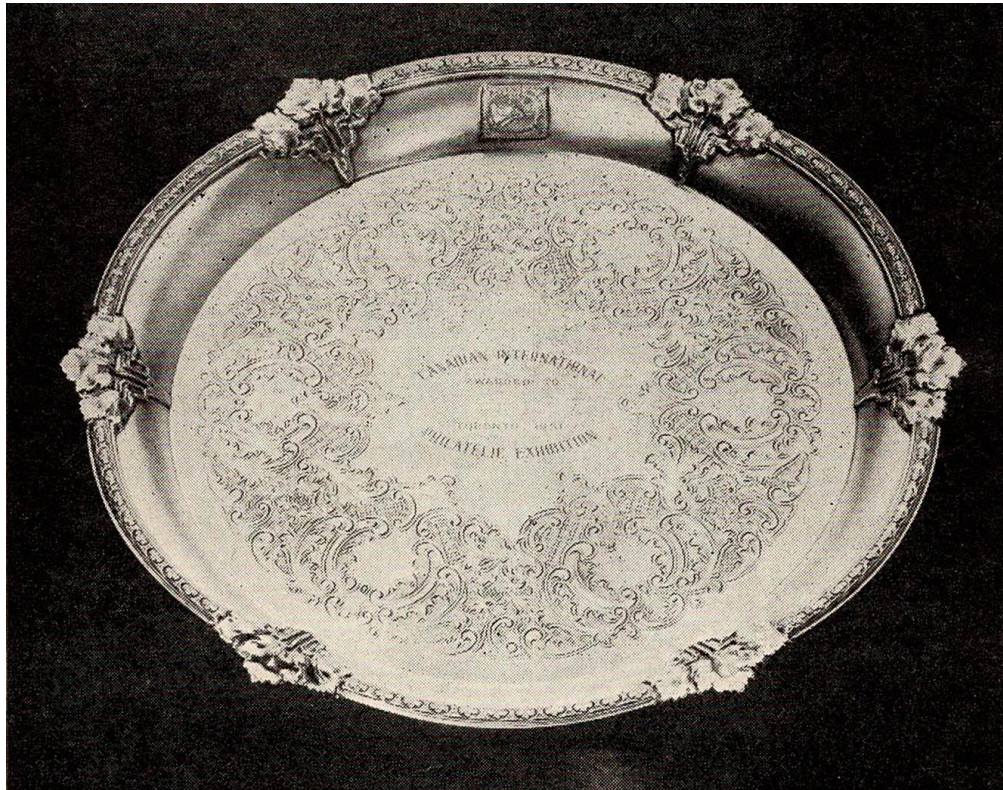


September 27, 1951 – No covers prepared
Relay team from Shamrock Ranch, Caledon, ON
Walt Sterne with a bag of mail
L. A. Davenport handing satchel containing mail



Roll of Distinguished Philatelists - Ceremony

- September 27, 1951, Automotive Building
- Frederick Walker, Keeper of the Roll of Distinguished Philatelists and Honorary Secretary to the Board of Elections
- Gerald E. Wellburn from BC elected 1951
- Stanley Bryan Ashbrook signing. The other signatory was Lester George Brookman. Both from the USA



CAPEX '51 - Awards

- Silver Sheffield Tray
- Three sizes for Gold, Silver and Bronze
- Gerald E. Wellburn Grand Award winner



CAPEX '51, CAPEX '78, CANADA 82, CAPEX '87, CANADA 92, CAPEX '96
and CAPEX '22

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