

Currency - Conversions - Confusions

The first sighting of the new Euro currency that has been called to the attention of your Editor, courtesy of member, J.A. Forbes, occurs from Athens, Greece. The Collection Auction firm lists estimates in the new Euro currency and in late November, 1998 gives approximate conversions. It appears that one Euro is worth \$1.20 U.S., £ .7, two German marks, 6.67 French francs as examples. We'd better get accustomed to this new monetary unit as it's not going to go away.

Canada Post 1999

Canada Post has announced that at least 71 new issues, including two special envelopes and one special postcard, will be available over the year. A few more may be expected as the year unfolds or additions to announced sets occur.

A Reminder

The National Philatelic Centre in Antigonish, N.S., has installed a new ordering system, necessary to better serve the tens of thousands of collectors, worldwide. If you have an account number there, and you should have, take note that it has been changed. You should, or course, have been notified of this, but so often we forget.

Another Giant Swallow

Last year we reported on Stanley Gibbon's sale to new commercial owners. Now that other revered and ancient (founded in 1776) auction firm of Christie's has been sold to a French firm of Francois Pinault. In 1980 Christie's bought Robson Lowe and then in 1993 Spink and Sons. Concentration occurs not only in the banking industry but in our side of the commercial world as well.

Philatelic Literature

Michael Nowlan, in a column in 1998, stressed the importance of knowledge to collecting and the publications available from which to acquire the necessary background and information. One of the few comprehensive catalogues of such philatelic literature is James Bendon Ltd.'s, comprehensive listing available free by writing to them at P.O. Box 6484, 3307 Limassol, Cyprus. Their latest catalogue contains 88 pages of new and recent editions on postal history and stamp issues from the world over. Get it, the price is right.

Monaco '99

This information may reach you too late to book a flight to Monte Carlo, however the event is worth noting as an example of something new.

Alexander D. Kroo has been responsible for the creation of the "Club de Monte Carlo de l'Elite de la Philatelie". It comprises about 100 of the most important philatelic collectors and personalities from 24 different countries. Many of the big names of world philately are included.

To be sure, with a limit of 100, many, particularly in North America, are not on the list. However, at the Museum in Monaco, on February 12, 13 and 14, 1999, there will be an exhibition of "World Postal History Varieties". Each exhibitor will be able to show one single letter or philatelic document of great rarity. Many items have never been exhibited before. As well, only postal documents which have been transported by regular means may be included.

So, if you think philately is only for the rich and famous you may be correct. Nonetheless, your editor would love to be there. ♣

HAPPY 50TH BIRTHDAY TO THE CANADIAN PHILATELIST JOYEUX 50E ANNIVERSAIRE AU PHILATÉLISTE CANADIEN



Henry F. Ketcheson,
President, 1888

by Charles J.G. Verge, FRPSC
Historian of The RPSC

With the beginning of the 50th Volume of *The Canadian Philatelist* I thought it might be useful to look back on the history of the Society and its official organs.

Organized philately in Canada was begun with the founding of the Canadian Philatelic Society in 1887. Henry F.

Ketcheson, of Belleville, Ontario, was elected as the first president by a mail vote in early 1888. The first convention was held in Toronto later in 1888 with Henry Heckler, of Halifax, Nova Scotia, being elected president for 1889.

This Canadian Philatelic Association continued intermittently until the First World War, when it seems to have become dormant until 1919 when the reactivat-



Henry Heckler,
President, 1889-90
and 1910-1912

par Charles J.G. Verge, FRPSC
Historien de La SRPC

Avec le début du 50e volume du *Philatéliste canadien* j'ai cru qu'il serait bon de revoir l'histoire de la Société et ses publications officielles.

La philatélie organisée au Canada débuta avec la fondation de la Canadian Philatelic Society en 1887. Henry F.

Ketcheson, de Belleville, Ontario, fut élu comme premier président par un vote par courrier au début de 1888. La première convention eu lieu à Toronto vers la fin de 1888. À cette occasion, Henry Heckler, d'Halifax, Nouvelle-Écosse, fut élu président pour 1889.

La Canadian Philatelic Association continua de façon intermittente jusqu'à la Première Guerre mon-



Ernest F. Wurtele,
President, 1892-97

Welcome to the new look of your Canadian philatelic journal. We will attempt to make this journal even more attractive as issues unfold. We have our Vice-President, Charles Verge, to thank for the new format. Not only has colour come to stay but the new size permits John Sarko and the folks at our publisher Trajan, to do more things more efficiently.

Just because we have new colours and size does not mean that all is new. In fact, we will have wonderful articles on older topics in Canadian philately by Dr. James Gray, James Kraemer, FRPSC and Paul Henry. We will also be visiting the past more often with lists, people and pictures about Canadian philately of the last 50 years. Our front cover contrasts the 'look' of your journal from 1949 onwards.

However, we are a comprehensive journal as benefits our eclectic society membership, hence we will continue to provide articles, not just on Canadian stamps and postal history, but on a wide range of interests. I have never had any of you write to me to express a different viewpoint so I take it that this rests well with you. For heaven's sake, if it doesn't, say so! Please also send those long or short items about your favourite countries or topics. I still presume, of course, that we all collect Canadian stamps and associated material as our main interests.

Now is a wonderful opportunity to take this ship on a new course and to do so as the Editor of this journal. A new Editor is required by June, 1999. Again, I beg you to come forward as it is a most interesting position. As Editor, you meet and speak to many fine and knowledgeable people. You get a firsthand look at different kinds of information – new issues from Canada Post,

books and a great deal of information from clubs and individuals.

The Society has undergone a number of reincarnations in name, head office locale and affiliation with other groups over time, and this is our 50th year as the Canadian Philatelic Society. An attempt will be made to trace our early roots and to present our predecessor journals. We have a fascinating history going back a long time prior to 1949, even it could be argued, to the 1870s bristling with colourful and controversial characters.

To change the topic, almost every country, without exception, is preparing to mark the start of a new millennium with, unfortunately, a flood of new issues. Granted these could be a way to start a new sideline collection but don't expect it to appreciate in value quickly, if ever.

Things today are substantially different than when the first post-WWII anniversary was observed, the 75th of the UPU in 1949. In those days, both the number of new issues and the number issued of each were relatively modest. Today a good mint copy of the Berlin issue is catalogued at over \$15, and the German set over \$85, for example.

Pray that we will not be swamped with those new issues, yet I fear we may, if the word from the United States and Great Britain are examples. Possibly you might wish to skip the mint paper and go for only the nicely used copies.

Don't get trapped by collecting \$5 worth of these 21st century issues and then having to pay \$85 for albums in which to house them. Enough preaching for this time and welcome to the last year of this millennium and the start of our new journal. ♣



W. Kesley Hall,
President, 1900-03



Christopher H. Goulden,
President, 1904

ed Winnipeg Philatelic Society extended membership to collectors everywhere and subsequently changed its name to the Canadian Philatelic Association. Nineteen-twenty-two saw the transfer of the headquarters to Toronto, with the name being changed to the Canadian Philatelic Society.

During the 1930s there was a succession of official organs, some being United States philatelic periodicals. In 1950, the Society decided to produce its own journal, *The Canadian Philatelist* which, with this issue, shows a new face to celebrate its Golden Jubilee.

Royal Assent was granted in 1959 – largely due to the efforts of Dr. G.M. Geldert, then the Society's President – to use the word "Royal" and the name of the Society was changed to The Royal Philatelic Society of Canada.

The RPSC Fellowship was introduced in 1960. This honour is

diale, lorsqu'elle semble avoir disparue. En 1919, la Winnipeg Philatelic Society commença à accepter des membres de partout et se renomma la Canadian Philatelic Association. Le transfert du bureau-chef à Toronto se fera en 1922 et on profitera de l'occasion pour changer le nom de la Société pour la Canadian Philatelic Society.

Pendant les années 30s, la Société a eu un nombre effarant de publications officielles, certaines même étaient publiées aux États-Unis. En 1950, la Société décida de publier son propre magazine, *Le philatéliste canadien* qui, avec ce numéro, fait nouvelle figure pour son jubilé d'or.

L'approbation royale fut reçue en 1959 pour l'utilisation de l'appellation "Royale" – en grande mesure à grâce au travail acharné du Dr. G.M. Geldert, Président de la Société – et le nom de la Société fut changé pour celui de La Société



Oliver W. Barwick,
President, 1905-09



Fred Jarrett, OC, RDP,
FRPSC, President,
1923-24 and 1927



Volume 50! New size, lots of colour, and a better magazine for our members. We've come a long way since the days when *Popular Stamps*, published by A.L.

McCready, was delivered to our members as a society benefit.

Congratulations for this leap forward go to our Editor, Dr. J.J. Macdonald and to Charles Verge for their vision of a publication designed to take The Royal well into the next century. And since we are always learning and growing together, let us have your feedback as *The Philatelist* undergoes this dramatic transition. If you are like me, Volume 50 brings with it a need for some carpentry. My bookshelves need a little adjusting and I have my saw at the ready!

Our publication is not the only Society service slated for change. Director David Oberholtzer and John Keenlyside are currently reviewing Sales Circuit proposals and I hope, as we enter the new year, to be able to tell you about a new and improved Sales Circuit program.

A new year – a new century on the horizon. What better time to catch the momentum and to increase our determination to make changes and improvements to our Society? We value very much members' suggestions and comments as to program and service area issues. Get out a pencil and paper and send us yours!

And don't forget that Fredericton trip you are taking. The Royal heads east for its annual meeting in May and I look forward to seeing a great many of you there.

Keith

Volume 50! Nouveau format, en couleurs: un meilleur magazine pour nos membres. Nous en avons parcouru du chemin depuis l'époque où *Popular Stamps*, publié par A.L. McCready, était livré à tous nos membres.

Toutes nos félicitations pour ces progrès reviennent à notre rédacteur en chef le Dr. J.J. Macdonald, ainsi qu'à Charles Verge, pour avoir envisagé une revue conçue pour conduire La Royale vers le nouveau siècle. Et comme il est toujours bon d'apprendre et de croître ensemble, pourquoi ne pas nous dire ce que vous pensez des changements apportés au *Philatéliste*. Si vous êtes comme moi, le volume 50 exige un peu de travail de menuiserie, pour agrandir l'étagère. Ma scie est prête!

Notre publication n'est pas le seul avantage qui va changer pour notre association. Notre directeur David Oberholtzer et John Keenlyside examinent plusieurs propositions pour nos ventes par circuits et j'espère pouvoir très bientôt, vous parler d'un programme amélioré.

Une nouvelle année, un nouveau siècle à l'horizon. Le moment est bien choisi pour entrer dans la danse et augmenter notre détermination à modifier et à améliorer notre association. Nous apprécions les suggestions et commentaires de tous nos membres quant aux programmes et services offerts. Prenez donc crayon et papier et écrivez-nous! Et n'oubliez pas votre voyage à Fredericton. La Royale se rend dans l'Est pour son assemblée générale en mai. J'espère y rencontrer un grand nombre d'entre vous.

Keith



William Butler,
President 1925-26



Edward Goodale,
President, 1941-42

bestowed on merit alone for services to philately and to The Society. The Society is recognized as the national and international representative for all collectors in Canada. It is Canada's representative in the Fédération Internationale de Philatélie (FIP) and the Federation of Inter-American Philately (FIAP).

With this article is a gallery of photos of our Presidents. As you can see the Society is missing quite a few. Members and readers are requested to supply the missing ones if they have them or inform the Historian of available sources (magazine, periodicals, pamphlets) where such photos may have been published.

The missing presidential portraits are Alvin J. Craig (1890-91), Charles Cameron (1891-92), O. Kendall (1912-13), A. Sutherland (1922), Rev. J.G. Perold (1928-30), W.F. Ferrier (1931-32), Dr. E.S. Ball (1932-34), W.J. Williams (1935-37), Cyril Woodhead (1943-47), John W. Yakley (1949-51), W.H. Freeman (1952-53) and Charles O. Emery (1980-81).

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royale de philatélie du Canada.

La distinction de Fellow fut introduite en 1960. Cet honneur est octroyé sur la base de mérite seulement pour des services rendus à la philatélie et à La Société. La Société est reconnue comme la représentante de tous les collectionneurs au Canada tant au niveau national qu'au niveau international. Elle est la représentante du Canada auprès de la Fédération Internationale de Philatélie (FIP) et de la Fédération inter-américaine de philatélie (FIAP).

Une galerie photographique de certains de nos présidents jalonne cet article. Comme vous pouvez le voir il en manque plusieurs. Les membres et les lecteurs sont priés de nous les faire parvenir s'ils en ont des copies. De plus, veuillez informer l'historien de la Société des sources de disponibilité (magazines, périodiques, monographies) où ces photos pourraient être trouvées. Les portraits présidentiels manquants sont: Alvin J. Craig (1890-91), Charles Cameron (1891-92), O. Kendall (1912-13), A. Sutherland (1922), Rev. J.G. Perold (1928-30), W.F. Ferrier (1931-32), Dr. E.S. Ball (1932-34), W.J. Williams (1935-37), Cyril Woodhead (1943-47), John W. Yakley (1949-51), W. H. Freeman (1952-53) and Charles O. Emery (1980-81).



Bert Baulch,
President, 1948 and
1951-52

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Louis M. Lamouroux,
FRPSC, President,
1953-57



Dr. G. M. Geldert,
FRPSC, President,
1958-1967



Harry Sutherland,
QC, RDP, FRPSC,
President, 1967-78



Dr. Fred G. Stulberg,
FRPSC, President,
1978-80



Beverlie A. Clark,
FRPSC, President,
1981-85

The Royal Philatelic Society of Canada La Société royale de philatélie du Canada

Presidents and official organs of the Society since its establishment in 1887.

Les présidents et les publications officielles de la Société depuis son début en 1887.

Name of the Society Nom de la Société	Term of office Période en poste	President Président	Official organ Publication officielle
C.P.A. 1888	Henry F. Ketcheson		<i>The Toronto Philatelist Journal</i>
C.P.A. 1889-90	Henry Heckler		<i>The Halifax Philatelist</i>
C.P.A. 1890-91	Alvin J. Craig		<i>The Dominion Philatelist</i>
C.P.A. 1891-92	Charles Cameron		
C.P.A. 1892-97	Ernest F. Wurtele		
C.P.A. 1898-1900	Records incomplete		
C.P.A. 1900-03	W. Kelsey Hall		<i>The Montreal Philatelist</i>
C.P.A. 1904	Christopher H. Goulden		<i>The Adhesive</i>
C.P.A. 1905-09	Oliver W. Barwick		<i>The Adhesive</i> <i>The Philatelic West and Camera News</i> <i>The North American Collector</i> <i>The Hobbyist</i> <i>The Hobbyist</i> <i>The Hobbyist</i>
C.P.A. 1910-12	Henry Heckler		<i>The Canadian Stamp Collector</i>
C.P.A. 1912-13	O. Kendall		<i>The Stamp Herald</i>
C.P.A. 1914-21	Records incomplete		<i>The Stamp Herald</i>
C.P.A. 1922	A. Sutherland		<i>The Stamp Herald</i>
C.P.S. 1923-24	Fred Jarrett, OC, RDP, FRPSC		<i>The Stamp Collector's Magazine</i>
C.P.S. 1925-26	William Butler		<i>The Stamp Collector's Magazine</i>
C.P.S. 1927	Fred Jarrett, OC, RDP, FRPSC		<i>The Stamp Collector's Magazine</i>
C.P.S. 1928-30	J.G. Perold		<i>C.P.S. Bulletin</i>
C.P.S. 1931-32	W.F. Ferrier		<i>C.P.S. Bulletin</i>
C.P.S. 1932-34	Earl S. Ball		<i>Emco Monthly Journal</i>
C.P.S. 1935-37	W.J. Williams		<i>Popular Stamps</i>
C.P.S. 1938-40	E.S. Ball		<i>Popular Stamps</i>
C.P.S. 1941-42	Edward Goodale		<i>Popular Stamps</i>
C.P.S. 1943-47	Cyril Woodhead		<i>Popular Stamps</i>
C.P.S. 1948	Bert Baulch		<i>Popular Stamps</i>
C.P.S. 1949-51	John W. Yakley		<i>Popular Stamps</i>
C.P.S. 1951-52	Bert Baulch		<i>The Canadian Philatelist</i>
C.P.S. 1952-53	W.H. Freeman		<i>The Canadian Philatelist</i>
C.P.S. 1953-57	Louis M. Lamouroux, FRPSC		<i>The Canadian Philatelist</i>
R.P.S.C. 1958-67	G.M. Geldert, FRPSC		<i>The Canadian Philatelist</i>
R.P.S.C. 1967-78	Harry Sutherland, RDP, FRPSC		<i>The Canadian Philatelist</i>
R.P.S.C. 1978-80	Fred G. Stulberg, FRPSC		<i>The Canadian Philatelist</i>
R.P.S.C. 1980-81	Charles O. Emery		<i>The Canadian Philatelist</i>
R.P.S.C. 1981-85	Beverlie A. Clark, FRPSC		<i>The Canadian Philatelist</i>
R.P.S.C. 1985-90	James E. Kraemer, FRPSC		<i>The Canadian Philatelist</i>
R.P.S.C. 1990-93	Michael Madesker, FRPSC		<i>The Canadian Philatelist</i>
R.P.S.C. 1993-97	William G. Robinson, FRPSC		<i>Le philatéliste canadien</i>
R.P.S.C. 1997-	Keith R. Spencer, FRPSC		<i>The Canadian Philatelist</i> <i>Le philatéliste canadien</i>



James E. Kraemer,
FRPSC, President,
1985-1990



Michael Madesker,
FRPSC, President,
1990-93



Col. William G. Robinson,
FRPSC, President,
1993-1997



Dr. Keith R. Spencer,
FRPSC, President,
1997- to date

Alexander M. 'Alec' Unwin

Alec Unwin of Bellevue died January 24, 2000 in Seattle. He was 70. A private graveside service was held.

Mr. Unwin was born March 15, 1929 in Prague, Czechoslovakia. He was raised in England and moved to Canada in 1947 where he earned a Master of Science degree in physics from the University of British Columbia.

He worked for Northern Electric in Montreal, Quebec until 1958 when he moved to Bellevue to accept a position with The Boeing Company. Mr. Unwin retired from Boeing in 1995 after 37 years as a professional engineer.

Mr. Unwin was actively involved in politics, including a run for Washington State Legislature, 48th District, in 1972. In his leisure time he enjoyed postal his-

tory, travel and spending time with his family. Mr. Unwin was a member of many philatelic organizations, including past president of the Boeing Employees' Stamp Club and secretary of BNAPS. He won numerous awards, most notably the Frank W. Campbell Award for 1996 by the Postal History Society of Canada.

Mr. Unwin is survived by his loving wife of 45 years, Joan Unwin of Bellevue; his daughter Judy Unwin of Bellevue; his sons, John Unwin of New York City, David Unwin of Bellevue; his brothers, John West of Toronto, Canada and Tom Unwin of Somerset, England.

Alec's article "Canada's Pacific Maritime Mails" appeared in the June 1996 issue of the *American Philatelist*. This article was awarded the Frank W. Campbell Award for 1996 by the Postal

History Society of Canada and the Apfelbaum Award by the APS. BNAPS honoured Alec in September of 1999 by publishing a monograph of his exhibit "Via Vancouver, Canada's Transpacific Maritime Mails."

Alec was currently Secretary for BNAPS, the Chairman of the Board of Directors for the Northwest Federation of Stamp Clubs, a director of the American Association of Philatelic Exhibitors, and the Program Chairman for the Puget Sound Collector's Club. Besides the AAPE, BNAPS, and the PSCC, he belonged to the APS, Collectors' Club of New York, SCP (Czechoslovakia), ISJP (Japan), RPSC (Canada), PHSC (Canada), the Boeing Employees' Stamp Club (past-president), and the Puget Sound Maritime Historical Society. 🍁

Presidential Follow-Up / Les Présidents (Suite)

By/Par Charles J.G. Verge, FRPSC RPSC Historian

In the inaugural issue of the new format of *The Canadian Philatelist* (Vol. 50, No. 1, Jan-Feb. 1999), I wrote an article on the Presidents and official magazines of our Society. In it I wrote that the society did not have photographs of some of its Presidents. Thanks to Jim Kraemer, a former President himself, I am now able to give you three more; Cyril Woodhead, William H. Freeman and Charles O. Emery. I am still seeking the photographs of the following Presidents: Alvin J. Craig (1890-1), Charles Cameron (1891-2), O. Kendall (1912-3), A. Sutherland (1922), Rev. J.G. Perold (1928-30), W.F. Ferrier (1931-2), Dr. E.S. Ball (1932-4), W.J. Williams (1935-7), and John W. Yakley (1949-51). Should you have such a photograph or know where to get one, I would appreciate being informed.

Dans la première édition du nouveau format du *Philatéliste canadien* (Vol. 50, No. 1, Jan.-Fév. 1999), j'ai écrit un article sur les Présidents de notre Société ainsi que nos publications officielles. J'ai mentionné dans l'article que nous n'avions pas de photos de certains de nos Présidents. Jim Kraemer, un ancien président lui-même nous a gracieusement fourni trois des photos manquantes: Cyril Woodhead, William H. Freeman et Charles O. Emery. Je suis encore à la recherche de photos des Présidents suivants: Alvin J. Craig (1890-1), Charles Cameron (1891-2), O. Kendall (1912-3), A. Sutherland (1922), Rev. J. G. Perold (1928-30), W. F. Ferrier (1931-2), Dr. E. S. Ball (1932-4), W. J. Williams (1935-7) and John W. Yakley (1949-51). Si vous êtes en possession de ces photos ou si vous savez où je pourrais me les procurer j'aimerais que vous me le laissiez savoir.



Figure 1. Cyril Woodhead
President/Président
1943-1947



Figure 2. William H. Freeman
President/Président
1952-1953



Figure 3. Charles O. Emery
President/Président 1980-1981