



Bulletin

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PRESIDENT SID'S MONTHLY MESSAGE

December will be a short but festive month for WTSC members. Our monthly online Discussion Group session will not be held so that we can gather for our annual WTSC *Christmas 2024 Festive Get Together & Dinner* on **Tuesday December 17th** at the Canadiana Restaurant, Six Points Plaza. There is still room and time to decide to share in the festive spirit and visit with fellow club members and their significant others while enjoying a delicious meal together. The cost is **\$35.** per person. (tax & tip included) Sign up during the upcoming December 10th in-person meeting or contact me at sidmensinga@gmail.com Payment can be made in cash or by E-TRANSFER: president@westtorontostampclub.org

Because of its proximity to Christmas and the busy year end holiday session our second in-person meeting will also not be held.



Looking forward to our WTSC 90th Anniversary - **Friday March 28, 2025**
A special flyer has been sent out providing ticket and event details.

90th Anniversary dinner tickets (**\$50** per person) will be available beginning Dec. 10th (first December in-person meeting) or contact Ted at ted.swain@sympatico.ca
Payment can be made in cash or by E-Transfer
E-TRANSFER: president@westtorontostampclub.org

Looking forward to celebrating this momentous occasion with local and online members, frequent guests and friends of WTSC.

As you anticipate the upcoming holiday season



- Be sure, take advantage of the Christmas Season by asking for a philatelic reference book to expand your personal library. BNAPS published books are available through <https://longleyauctions.com/product-category/bnaps-books/>
- Also, as you play Santa, consider giving the members of the Canadian Stamp Dealers Association your business this holiday season. <https://www.csdaonline.com/>



On behalf of the WTSC leadership team have a Merry Christmas and a Happy, Healthy New Year!

DECEMBER - PHILATELIC OPPORTUNITIES



Dec. 3 - LEARNING WORKSHOP, 7 p.m. via Zoom, "*End of Year Festivities.*"

Dec. 10 - IN-PERSON MEETING - Fairfield Centre.

JANUARY LEARNING WORKSHOP

Starting at 7 p.m., Tuesday, January 7, 2025 via Zoom, the topic for our fourth virtual Learning Workshop of the 2024-2025 season is 'Everything and anything philatelic that starts with the Letter I.'



As with previous letter-related subjects, the topic is wide-ranging.

One of the earliest philatelic terms identified the engraving process used to print most stamps in the 1800s and well into the 20th century — Intaglio. With such stamps still popular today, the term derived from the Italian word for “in recess”, referring to “any kind of printing with lines, dots or both, below the surface of the printing plate: engraving in steel or copper, and gravure,” the late Douglas and Mary Patrick wrote in their 1972 book, ‘the Musson Stamp Dictionary.’”

Many other “I” words relate to our hobby.

They include: Imperforate, referring to a stamp without perforations; Imperforate Between, a pair or block of stamps lacking perforations that were supposed to be applied between them; India paper, a thin opaque paper used to print engraved proofs; Imperial crest of Japan, a design featuring a chrysanthemum flower on many of its early stamps; Imperial Crown, an 1880-1893 British watermark on UK definitives; an Imprimatur is a sheet's first impression from a plate, endorsed before stamp production; Imprint, the name of a printing firm applied to sheet edges — sometimes, by mistake, printed within a stamp's margins; Initial letter, a large capital or ornamental letter some countries used in early watermarks; International Reply Coupons, small pieces of paper sold by post offices around the world, which can be exchanged in any Universal Postal Union member country for stamps to be used on foreign-destination mail; Invalidated, a stamp no longer permitted on mail; Inverted Watermarks refer to upside-down positioning on a stamp; Issue — a stamp or set issued by post offices



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Hobbyists who like to collect stamps from a country also have several “I” current and retired names to choose from: Iceland stamps were inscribed ‘Island’; ‘Imperial Chinese Post’ applied to stamps in China, starting in 1897 and maintained for several years; India; India Feudatory States; Indochina, a French territory later divided into the countries of Vietnam, Cambodia and Laos; Isle of Man; Israel; Italian East Africa; Italy; Ivory Coast, a former French colony in West Africa; Ivory Heads, popular 1841-1857 British definitives varieties with Queen Victoria's portrait silhouetted on the backs.



Some stamps bore “I” initials. For example: “I.E.F.” for Indian Expeditionary Force on 1914 India definitives; “I.R.” official overprints on British definitives from 1882 to 1904, for official use on Inland Revenue Department mail.

I hope this wide-ranging topic gets an "Aye, aye" nod and you will tune in for an interesting and — hopefully — fun evening.



WTSC CIRCUIT BOOKS

A VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY & A THANK YOU TO ITS CURRENT LEADERS



Plans to continue the WTSC circuit book program are underway but your help is needed! Consider joining the current team of volunteers to lessen the load and to enable the continued success of this valued WTSC program.

As they step back from the leadership, a special thank you to Simon and Victoria Claughton for initiating the WTSC Circuit Book program, and for dealing so capably with the myriads of administrative details to enable its success. We thank you for your leadership, and recognize and appreciate the outstanding efforts made, amongst them the many hours spent, and kilometers driven to bring the books not only to our club but also to various club shows and philatelic events throughout southwestern and central Ontario. Your leadership has been significant, valued and most noteworthy.

PHILATELIC LEARNING & ENJOYMENT



We are fortunate to live in a time when we can view many informative videos online. This month check out those available to you at the click of a

<https://www.postalhistorycanada.net/php/Library/av/index.php>



OTHER PHILATELIC OPPORTUNITIES



ROYAL PHILATELIC SOCIETY OF CANADA: STAMP TALK AND STAMP PANEL SESSIONS. Registration in advance required. <https://www.rpsc.org/>

RPSC Virtual Zoom 2024 Stamp Talks

December 9 - Lisa Tam - **Letters from Santa (und der Weihnachtsmann, me Hana Kōkō, a Siôn Corn...)**

RPSC Virtual Zoom 2024 Stamp Panels

December 16 - Show and Tell - [You!]

Mississauga Coin & Stamp Show - Dec. 1

John Paul II Polish Cultural Centre, 4300 Cawthra Rd., Mississauga, ON, L4Z 1V8

Sponsored by the Troyak Club, the Mississauga Coin and Stamp Show will be open from 9 a.m.-4 p.m., with 60 tables and more than 30 dealers. There's something for everyone, with Canadian and world coins, stamps, paper money, tokens, medals, trade dollars, official mint products, hobby supplies, reference books and more. Free evaluations plus buying, selling and trading. Admission is \$7 (children under the age of 16 are free), and parking is free.



R.P.S.C. Chapter #65
A.T.A. Chapter #58

INVITATION TO EXHIBIT

OXPEX/OTEX 2025

Help us Celebrate 76 Years of Philatelic Excellence with an Exhibit

Time to prepare: 16-page frames will be available for your exhibit.

6 or 12 page exhibits for Junior or Novice Competitors mounted in 16-page frames

We have experienced compassionate judges, helpful feedback and appreciative, complimenting viewers.

Show Date: Saturday, March 15, 2025

Entry form submission Deadline: February 7, 2025

Go to <http://www.rpsc.org/chapters/oxford> to download (resources tab) additional Entry Forms + Rules and Regulations

For additional information contact Exhibit Coordinator at dhfe@silomail.co

WTSC MARKETPLACE: FREE/FOR SALE/WANTED

1. Wanted -Canada #2981 (\$2.50) and #2982 (P) Vimy Ridge stamps
Canada #3129 \$4 Rocky Mountain Bighorn Sheep
Contact Ernest at etypeprinter@gmail.com
2. If you are burdened with an excess of used Canada Admirals, I may be able to help. I am always looking for Admirals in quantity to further my research on plate flaws. Contact wgburden@mac.com for details. Thanks.
3. Wanted - Old Scott stamp albums, especially British Colonies
contact Lionel Collier 647-236-7734 lionelmc@interlog.com
4. Scott 2023 Catalogue, Vols 1A and 6A.
If anyone is interested in selling these to me, please feel free to give them my email, robert_pinet@yahoo.ca and/or phone number, 416-878-8529.
5. For Sale - *The Air Mails of Canada and Newfoundland 2nd Edition (2022)* \$30. Contact Rob at timberg@bell.net.
The book was never used. However, it has a few dents and nicks on its front cover. It was received in that condition from the CAS.
6. For Sale - Large Queen reference material/books.
Listing available buy one buy them all.
contact 55younger.64@gmail.com
I would obviously deliver them to a meeting to prevent shipping costs.

REMINDER TO WTSC MEMBERS: Ad space is free. Send to sidmensinga@gmail.com

Ads for the monthly Bulletins must be submitted by the Monday of the last week of the month.