

THE *Editor's* MAILBAG

Dear sir:

Recently I have obtained copies of the revenue stamps shown on the enclosed photograph.

As my collecting interests are Newfoundland and Canadian Revenues they are of great interest. However, I have been unable to find a listing in my catalogues or any information about them.

I am therefore writing to you for assistance in locating information and/or additional copies.

Looking forward to your reply, I remain,

Yours very truly,
R. V. Mack,



Dear Mr. Editor:

In 1967 Canada issued a stamp commemorating the Canadian Press, which, according to the official publicity, was designed by William McLaughlin, of Mount Albert, Ont. As program chairman of the North Toronto Stamp Club I have several times had Canadian stamp designers who live in the Toronto area come to meetings and speak on their work, so I thought it

would be nice to invite this gentleman. Imagine my surprise on going out to Mount Albert to find out that Mr. McLaughlin moved to California four years ago, another intellectual refugee enticed by the greater attractions of the United States. Suppose that one takes it for granted that he designed the Canadian Press stamp before he left. This indicates two things. Firstly, it shows that some of our stamps are planned several years before issue. Secondly, it hints that the Canadian Post Office may not have wanted to reveal the embarrassing fact that a Canadian stamp designer now lives in the United States. It is unlikely that they did not know of his move, yet the press release last year still had him living in Mount Albert, although he was already gone three years previously to California. It is true that he still lived in Canada if he did design the stamp enough years ago, but one cannot be sure of that. It is another example of the half-truths fed by the government to the public, and it does not matter who is in power.

Yours sincerely,
Max Rosenthal

Dear sir:

I thank Mr. W. E. D. Halliday for extending my knowledge on Free Franks.

There is still a gap. From about 1842 or so till about 1852. The latter date is roughly when Canada took charge of its own postal system.

But when did postmasters cease to have limited free franking to a limited amount? and were they paid compensation as in N.S. and N.B.

Yours sincerely,
Sir George Williamson

Dear sir:

While sorting several pounds of picked over Canadian stamp mixture for marginal and straight edge copies for reconstructing panes, etc., I came across a 4c Cameo No. 404 which I set aside because of the shade, hoping to obtain a block for my collection. I had paid no attention to this stamp since that time until the February issue of Topics arrived yesterday and I read of the forgeries or counterfeits of this stamp which were uncovered in Montreal about three