



KGVI Herald Dispatch

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Introduction

Welcome to this trial issue of the Herald Dispatch. Members may well inquire why am I receiving this publication and not the more familiar Post & Mail. Before answering that question, let's review the history of the Post & Mail.

Post & Mail No. 1 was published in late 2003, a brief four pager to get things started. Within a few years, the P & M had grown to feature two or three in-depth articles with many being reprinted in BNA TOPICS. Ken Lemke became P & M Editor in 2009 and it flourished under his leadership. However, over the past few years, the number of articles being submitted for publication has fallen off dramatically resulting in reduced publication frequency of P & M issues. Meanwhile Ken has taken on increasing responsibilities as Director, then, currently, President of BNAPS, as well as other support roles. As such he has had to advise that, with so many demands on his time, he has asked that another Study Group member volunteer to become a co-editor of the Post & Mail with the view of taking over as Editor full time in due course.

The George VI Study Group leadership is conscious of the time demands that publication of each Post & Mail issue places on the Editor and appreciates all the more Ken's contributions over the past 11 years in undertaking this task on behalf of the members. We all owe Ken a great debt of gratitude for his steadfast volunteer service as Editor of the P & M and I am sure all members join me in wishing Ken well in his future endeavours.

The leadership group is also aware of a need to increase the frequency of correspondence with Study Group members on a more regular basis than has been the case over the past few years. We decided that if we were to publish a bulletin of two pages in length, this could be done on a bi-monthly basis thus allowing more frequent contact with and between our members.

I am pleased to advise that Stephen Prest has volunteered to compile issues of the Herald Dispatch during 2020. We consider this to be a trial series and plan to canvass the Study Group membership towards year end to gather their views on whether we should continue to publish the Herald Dispatch beyond 2020.

Members are also advised that we are hopeful that publication of future Post & Mail issues will continue on a periodic basis in parallel with the Herald Dispatch. We need to identify a new Editor to step into Ken's shoes and I am hopeful we will be able to make an announcement in this regard in the not too distant future. In the meantime, members who are planning to submit articles for upcoming issues of the Post & Mail can forward them to myself, Ken or Stephen.

In closing, on behalf of the George VI Study Group leadership, I would like to extend our sincere hope that you, your family and friends health has not been adversely affected by the COVID-19 pandemic that has swept across the globe. I look forward to hearing from you as we start this new chapter in our Study Group.

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Copies of the Herald Dispatch and the Study Group's Newsletter – the Post & Mail – are posted on its website - www.kgvi.ca

Notes & items for future Herald Dispatch editions should be forwarded by email to Stephen at stephen.prest@gmail.com



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Stephen's Notes

With Gary's introduction covering the bases, it remains for me to briefly explain how I hope each Herald Dispatch issue will come together. First, Herald Dispatch is being prepared as a WORD document. As such I expect to just cut and paste whatever you send me for inclusion in future issues.

Letters, notes, images etc. are best sent to Stephen at his email address shown in the page 1 trailer. Alternatively, items for the Herald dispatch can be sent by regular surface mail or email to either Gary, Ken, Simon or myself at our contact addresses shown on page 2 of the Post & Mail. Any suggestions, notes or letters about your philatelic interests will be greatly appreciated.

New Members

We are pleased to welcome **Chris Fischer, Yan Turmine, Steve Davis and & Paul Young** as new members of our study group over the past twelve months. Paul, our most recent new member, wrote to say that he has been a collector of long standing but has recently disposed of his Large Queen collection and is now looking forward to assembling a collection of the 1937 Mufti and 1938 Pictorial issues.

Webmaster's Threads

Your Webmaster has been doing some housekeeping on our Study Group website recently and can advise members of the following changes.

- Post & Mail Issues 1 to 38 are now posted on the public side of the website to bring this feature in line with the posting approach used by the BNAPS website.
- Issue 39 remains accessible from the member's side of the Website
- 5th Edition of the Bibliography of KGVI Canada and Newfoundland Philatelic References has been issued and posted on the Study Group website. Look for the link via the Research page on the Public side of the website in addition to the usual links via Member's area of the website.

If anyone has a problem with the new links please let Stephen know at stephen.prest@gmail.com .

So, what's on Ebay at the moment

No doubt member's check out eBay from time to time. Presently there are over 240,000 items listed if one searches "Canada" in the "Stamps" category using the "Worldwide" Location option. By comparison, the "Canada only" Location option returned 134,000 items listed.

The item to the right is listed as "**CANADA 1949-51 VERMILION WITH PRINTING FLAW SG 417b** etc. It is not unusual for overseas dealers to use Stanley Gibbons catalogue numbers for Canadian stamps. So one needs to be alert to this fact when searching for a specific stamp.

But what a nifty flaw! I have not seen one quite like it before. Maybe one of our members will write in to share their thoughts on how this flaw was created. Better yet, maybe a member will be adding this flaw to their collection. Let us know if you do.

