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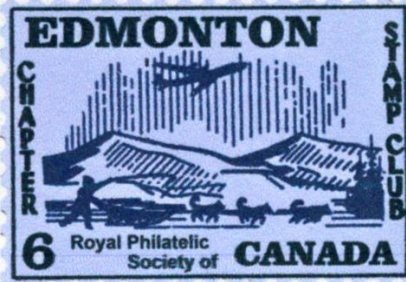
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Messages

2015 Edmonton Stamp Club Spring National Stamp Show (AGM Report)

Edmonton Stamp Club's annual Spring Stamp Show, was held March 28-29, 2015. The theme was the 100th Anniversary of the 49th Loyal Edmonton Regiment. This is still an active Reserve infantry unit in the city.

The success of the Show is of course thanks to the many volunteers who came to help set up or man the club table or take down Sunday night. Thanks to all of them for their diligent work. We have several people in our Show Committee who help with the leadership. They are Kelly Luisz-Exhibits, Dave Piercey-Judges, Ken Kluchky-Dealers Bourse, Jeff Pacey-Junior Table, Dave Hetke-Frames and Banners, Arif Sheena-Publicity, Peter Kuester-Volunteers, Club Table & on-site signage. The start of the show is of course the set up on Friday Night.

The Show was well attended as indicated to us by the Dealers who were all by and large pleased with the traffic on both days of the Show. We still qualified as a National level Show with well over 100 Frames in the Exhibits. Most of the Exhibits were form out of town.

The Wine and Cheese Reception was attended by about 50 -60 people. The Speaker tried to keep the presentation shorter but still took 40 mins instead of 25. Kelly handled the Awards portion with her usual efficiency. (In previous years this tended to be quite lengthy.)

The BNAPS Breakfast had a record attendance of 29, and Tom Watkins gave a very interesting presentation of Private Airways commercial covers.

We still spent Club money to hold the show. Several ideas will be acted on to improve this, such as the use of Social Media. Kelly Luisz has volunteered to champion this for us, and a different caterer will be used for the W & C Rec.

Thanks again too many who may have helped behind the scenes to get people to come or just lend a hand here and there when needed.

Ed Dykstra – Show Chair

Edmonton Stamp Club
Spring National Stamp Show
April 2-3, 2016

ESC Stamp Club History

WOW!

Perusing through some old Bulletins (April 1971), I found this little gem.



1897 \$1 Jubilee*

A superb mint, unhinged-original gum, copy of Canada's 1897 one dollar Jubilee postage stamp will be raffled off at the April 1971 stamp show, ESCPEX '71. Tickets may be purchased from E. Christensen, for **50 cents** each, or by mailing the money to Edmonton Stamp Club, PO. Box 399, Edmonton, Alberta. Tickets may also be purchased from club members, and local stamp shops.

- This file picture is not the Superb Mint copy described.

The next page was a Bulletin insert, summarizing the ESCPEX '71 stamp show

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Selected chapter.....

ESCPEX '71

Eighty eight members and friends attended the banquet. The food was excellent and a pleasurable evening was had by all in attendance. Professor B. Hocking, chairman of the Department of Entomology, was the guest speaker at the banquet. We were honored to have him as our guest speaker, as his talk was surely enjoyed by all. The door prize, donated by J. Garvey, was won on Saturday by Bob Monilaws of Calgary. The daughter of a club member, **Elsie Buchmueller, won the draw for the 1897 ONE DOLLAR JUBILEE.** The Sunday door prize, donated by Gendy's Stamps, was awarded to Jacqueline Husmann. The (show) attendance was not what we had hoped for, however we had 288 in attendance on Saturday and 103 on Sunday. The auction netted \$1600.00 with prices realized for Canadian stamps being high and stamps of other countries being rather low.

Legion of French Volunteers Against Bolshevism

By Richard Barnes

As a result of meetings of the various French collaborationist political groups "The Legion of French Volunteers Against Bolshevism" militia was formed on 8 July 1941 to fight alongside the Germans in Russia. The name was usually abbreviated to Legion of French Volunteers or LVF. This unit was formed using volunteers; right-wing Frenchmen, French prisoners of war who preferred active military duty rather than forced labour and anti-communist Russians from the French Foreign Legion. This unit was never officially recognized by the French Vichy Government but did receive "association of public usefulness" status in 1943. The LVF went into the German line before Moscow late in 1941, 2,452 men strong as the German 638th Infantry Regiment. The LVF suffered heavy casualties. It went through several transformations in name and function until disbanded in September 1944 when it was absorbed into the newly created SS Charlemagne Division. What was left of the LVF was destroyed in the 1945 Defense of Berlin battle.

The stamps associated with the LVF are not listed in the Scott catalogue. The Michel catalogue lists these stamps so I will be using Michel numbers. October 1941 the first stamp was issued for the LVF, a 100 Francs Polar Bear souvenir sheet, Mi #1 (Fig1). 25,000 of these SSs were produced in two different printing runs. These SSs were sold at the LVF HQ in Paris. The Michel catalogue lists both perf'ed and imperf'ed SSs of this issue.

The literature also states that these SSs were later sold (unofficially?) using the original plates.



Fig 1



Fig 2

December 10, 1941, a set of two stamps was issued. The first stamp is green and red with a value of 1 Franc. It depicts a Junkers 88 flying to a target over Russia with a bottom inscription of Courrier Officiel Par Avion. The second stamp of this set is red and blue with a value of 10 Francs. It depicts a fighter aircraft flying over Paris with a bottom inscription that reads Courrier Special Par Avion (Fig 2). Originally 450,000 pairs of these stamps were printed. They were sold at the LVF HQ in Paris, to the troops at training camps and reportedly to troops in the field. Only 141,000 pairs of this set were sold.



Fig 3

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January 15, 1942 the remaining LVF stamps were overprinted in black on the upper left of the design with Front De L'Est Ostfront on both stamps of this set (Fig 3). Of the 309,000 overprinted pairs produced only 137,000 pairs were sold and the remainder destroyed.

April 20, 1942 the LVF issued a set of five 1 Franc stamps to commemorate the Battle of Burodino, the pyrrhic victory of Napoleon in his disastrous 1812 invasion of Russian. Each stamp featured a different view of the LVF fighting on the Eastern Front (Fig 4). This set was printed in sheets of 25 stamps. One million sets were printed. I have not found any reference to the number of sets sold. One source states that these stamps were not only sold in Paris but also Lyon and Marseilles. This same source does not mention the use of these stamps in the German Field Post system. There are genuine covers of these stamps being mailed from German military bases. I am skeptical of any used LVF stamps with Field Post cancels. To me they appear too nicely cancelled. I suspect most are actually CTO stamps.



Fig 4

Many purists call the LVF stamps "Labels". These labels were not produced by the French Post Office. They were not intended nor were they used by the regular mail system. All genuine covers were introduced into the mails via the German Field Post system. I guess at this point what I must mention that there are a great many forged covers using LVF labels with deceptive Field Post cancels. Caution when buying LVF covers is the watch word. The money raised by the sale of these labels was meant to benefit the families of the LVF members not to assist the LVF organization nor provide the French Post Office with revenue.

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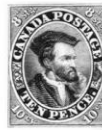
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Zieher Stamp-Cards and More: Part III

By: John Woolard

Further to my search for Stamp-Cards, some time ago I stumbled across another type of attractive post-card, a cambist coin-card. Coin-cards were manufactured by various printers from about 1900, but the specialty cambist cards were produced from about 1904 onwards by the German printer, Hugo Semmler of Magdeburg. He used embossing and fine metallic inks to illustrate a range of coins from each country, with the special feature of an exchange-rate table in the centre of the design [illustration 5]. This table gave equivalencies to the currencies of a range of significant nations of the day: Germany, France, England, Austro-Hungary, Holland, Russia, and North America. The intention was that this would allow travellers to know the value of the local coinage as they journeyed from country to country. Needless to say, they reflect an era when exchange rates were not very volatile, and there was no internet to give one up-to-the-second information. The cards were very popular at the time, with the realistic, metallic images that almost feel like genuine coins that have been embedded in the card.

Meeting Dates

The Edmonton Stamp Club meets Mondays at 6:30 p.m. in the cafeteria of St. Joseph High School, 10830 - 109 Street. Park to the north of the school and use the main entrance at the south-east corner of the school. For information about the club email/call any number posted on page two.

2015

November 9 & 23

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**2016 Spring National
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2016

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February 8 & 22

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May 2, 16 & 30

June 13

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That said, it is a moot point whether their actual intent was for travellers or collectors, but a canny businessman doesn't really care. In the first year, twenty different cards were issued, all with sequence numbers. Another six were added the next year but without serial numbers, and a further 19 were added during the following few years, bringing the total to forty-five¹. Although the early, numbered cards carried Semmler's name in full, later ones simply bear the imprint: "H.S.M / D.R.G.M No 218054".

Semmler evidently retired from the business about 1912, and a Max Heimbrecht took it over, with the plates and presses as well, since his work had designs that were identical to Semmler's apart from now carrying the new imprint: "M. H. Berlin-Schbg./Made in Germany". He continued production into about 1921, before handing over the production to Walter Erhard, who finally ceased printing that style of card in about 1937².

The only territory from southern Africa for which coin-cards were printed by Semmler was The Transvaal [illustration 5]. However, along with a copy of that cambist card, I have also accumulated three other very similar cards, where the embossing and details of the printed coins appears

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¹ D. D. Gladfelter, *The Asylum*, 2005, **23** (2), p 80-85

² D. D. Gladfelter, *The Asylum*, 2006, **24** (1), p 17-24

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A related set of two Vichy French semi-official stamps was issued on October 12, 1942. This is the 1.20 + 8.8 Francs French Legion Tricolore issue, Scott B147-B148 (Fig 5). They were issued to benefit the LVF's families. These semi-postal stamps are mono-coloured dark blue and crimson respectively. Both stamps were printed on the same sheet of 20 stamps. 120,000 sheets were printed. These stamps remained for sale in French Post offices until May 25, 1943. They were no longer valid for postage as of November, 1944.



Fig 5

All these stamps reflect the convoluted political relationship between the Vichy government and the German government. Marshal Petain did not like the concept of French citizens serving in the German Army. All LVF units had German Army designations while serving under German command on the Eastern Front. This explains the faint praise for the LVF of "public usefulness" by the Vichy government. On the other hand Marshal Petain wanted to have the French Army of Vichy recognized as an independent functional military force. For roughly six months in 1942, the Vichy government tried to separate the LVF from the German Army. They created the French Legion Tricolore with the intent of it replacing the LVF. Hitler's adamant refusal to allow the revitalization of an independent functioning French Army as a modern fighting force put an end to the Vichy plans. The LVF absorbed the French Legion Tricolore. The feelings and political divisions within France by the end of WWII are quite clearly depicted by the conversation between Free French General Leclerc and a group of 11-12 captured SS Charlemagne men. Leclerc asked why they wore a German uniform and he received the reply why was he wearing an American uniform. The SS Charlemagne men were shot. RB



to be exactly the same, even to the stipple-textured background, but where the exchange rate table is missing and the rest of the labelling is different. Clearly Semmler, like Zieher, simply sold incomplete versions of the card to printers in other countries, presumably licensing them to add their own inscriptions. All these three cards carry the imprint of a Johannesburg firm specializing in the making of greeting cards, Messrs Braune & Levy³, although the placing of their imprint varies. I am guessing that the cards sold well as souvenirs, so the printer came up with varying designs over the years. The first one bears the slogan “Souvenir of the Transvaal” and shows both the Transvaal flag and the Red Ensign (“red duster”) [illustration 6]. This one was used from Roodepoort on 29 Sept 05. Then a second one has the same slogan, but just the Union Jack [illustration 7]. The stamp has been removed, so all I know is that it was cancelled in



³ www.martin-nicholson.info/zy2xw7/braunedata.doc (Accessed March 2015)



Pretoria on 12 April, but I don't know in which year. The third card has the slogan "Souvenir of South Africa", in a different font, and this time the Transvaal flag is paired with the Union Jack. This card was sent from Kimberley on June 24, 07. This last one also has in the central space a nice black and white photo of Johannesburg's Market Square [illustration 8]. I am listing them in the order in which I assume they were issued, but that is a guess based in part upon the dates on the postmarks.

I would be interested in knowing if the same basic Semmler coin-card for the Transvaal carries yet other designs added by local printers, and also if there were any coin-cards ever made by different printers for the other pre-Union provinces of South Africa. So far I have not come across them. Be that as it, coin-cards with their shiny silver and gold embossing make an attractive complement to a collection of postal stationery for any of the countries for which coin-cards were printed.



John Woollard

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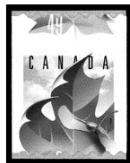
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