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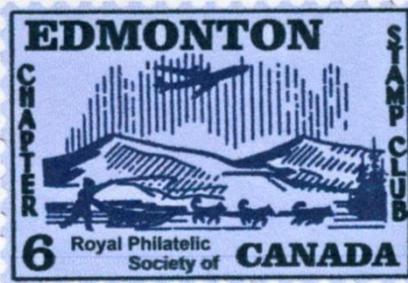
CAN-1_U, (30 bids) \$206

Regular meetings

St. Joseph High School Cafeteria, 10830 - 109 Street, 6:00 pm

November 13th & 27th

December 4th & 18th (xmas celebration)



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monthly meeting. These may be forwarded to Fred Tauber, Edmonton Stamp Club, Box 399, Edmonton, Alberta, T5J 2J6, click “contact” on our website or email to fxtauber@shaw.ca

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President's Message

Your Board has been busy trying to enhance your enjoyment of the Spring Show on March 24 and March 25, 2018 at the Central Lions Center. Every year we have the competitive frames of philatelic material that judges critique earning metals and ribbons. IN ADDITION this year the Edmonton Stamp Club is offering members the opportunity to display philatelic frames in a noncompetitive, fun format. Each frame can hold up to 16, 8 ½ x 11 inch pages. You can show off any philatelic type topic, country, theme, etc. that interests you. Show you fellow ESC members what interests you! Brag a little! Let us see what you have. There will be ten \$50.00 bills presented to the owners of 10 different frames selected as being the most interesting, eye catching frames as selected by ESC members. For further information talk to Berend Wissink, Jim Lockau or Rod Verrier. Remember that this is not to be a chore but something to enjoy, share with fellow members and probably educate people.

There has been a small change in the schedule of events during the Summer Meeting on 30 July 2018. Some members found last year that the meeting in the confines of the hot hall was going a little long. This year we are going to start the Summer Auction an hour earlier at 6 PM. Please adjust your time of arrival accordingly. I will remind people that we are now accepting lots for the Summer Meeting. Lots can be dropped off with Fred at the information desk each general meeting.

If you know of a fellow stamp collector who is in town on either March 24-25 or 30 July 2018 invite them to attend the Spring Show or come to the Summer Meeting. Make certain that they register at the front desk so they can be introduced to other members.

Richard Barnes



NOTICE

2017-2018 Membership; as of November 1st, any members on the “not paid” list have lost their privileges, no auction submissions or auction purchases. No Bulletin mailouts.

Trading Post

200 WW STAMPS (75% large \$4), Canada packet 200 stamps (75 % large \$5), mint Mexico 100 (large \$4), foreign mint stamps \$8, plus SAE (self-addressed envelope) for each order. ESC members, postage free. Harold Towlson, 60 Ivanhoe Road, Buffalo, NY, 14215, USA.

Want a stamp exchange particularly with GB Machins and commemoratives of Royalty, also ships, trains, planes and such. Keith Thompson, 1109 Larch Place, Canmore, AB, T1W 1S8 or bikethom@telusplanet.net

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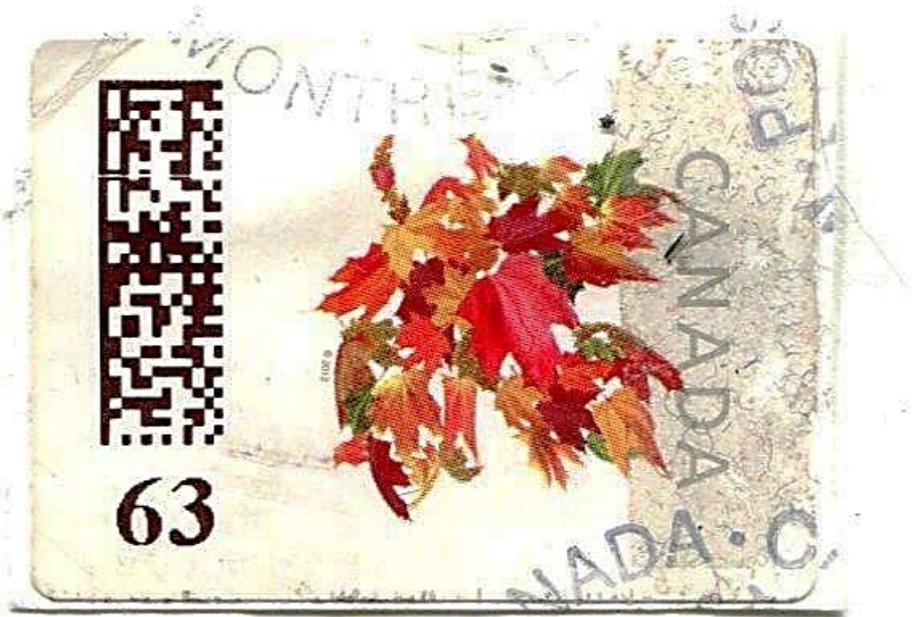
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AUSTRALIA-OA11_U, (9 bids) \$39 / AUSTRALIA-OB55_U, (18 bids) \$26

Canadian Computer-Vended Stamps

Canada Post, back in 2012 initiated trials of computer generated stamps at kiosks in major Canadian cities in the provinces of Quebec, Ontario and British Columbia. The initial trial was of short duration, roughly one year. The explanation, I gather for this, was fragile machinery that did not stand up to Canadian weather and customer use. I did not see any advertising of the trial in the media including Canada Post's own publication "Details". I would have been unaware of these stamps if they had not been reported in Linn's Stamp News. I tried to purchase these stamps from the Philatelic Customer Service of Canada Post. I was told to contact the private company operating the kiosks. They were not interested in small retail sales. The result is that these stamps are extremely difficult to find. My search among stamp dealers for these stamps leaves me with the impression that they are almost rare. I have been able to obtain only a single 2013 vendor stamp for the standard first class postage (Fig 1).



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Someone in Canada Post feels that the kiosk concept is viable using computer-vended stamp labels. The official beginning of this new initiative is stated by Canada Post as beginning on October 31, 2016 in Vancouver. Again, I missed any notification in the Canadian media. It came to my attention when I received the January 23, 2017 issue of Linn's Stamp News. I must give credit where credit is due; a week after I received my Linn's I did receive Canada Post's Details which did mention the new vendor stamps also "Permanent" first class postage vendor stamps are available from Canada Post Philatelic Customer service. These stamps come in a strip of 5 different designs (Fig 2).



The remaining three values, \$1.20 US rate, \$1.80 over size domestic rate and \$2.50 international rate are not available from the Philatelic Customer service. If you can find these vendor stamps it is probably a good idea to pick them up. Oh yes, like the first set of vendor stamps the second generation of vendor stamps do not soak off paper so leave them on piece.

Richard Barnes

ELECTRICITY – a personal thought (Jeff)

Even though I haven't lived there in years I still subscribe to my hometown's weekly paper, The Temiskaming Speaker. The February 22nd, 2017 edition had articles dealing with the hydro rates that people are dealing with in Ontario thanks to premier Wynne and her save the planet green energy and carbon programs. These subjects and their effects on the economy and family finances are common topics in the paper these days. An article a few weeks ago interviewed the head of a local food bank. Food bank usage has been steadily increasing ever since the green energy programs started with annual spikes every fall when cooling weather means heating homes.

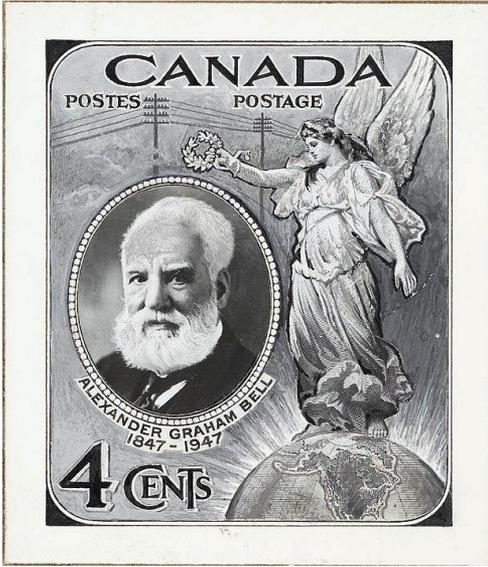


To start with Premier Wynne is now blocking the publishing of Hydro One executive salaries from the annual sunshine list of Ontario government employees who make over \$100,000 a year. It turns out that a Hydro One Chief executive officer makes 4 million dollars a year. His Quebec counterpart makes \$480,000 a year. Still not a bad salary if you ask me but it

does pale compared to what he would make in Ontario. I wonder if either of them are required to be bilingual to keep their jobs. My home town is on the Ontario Quebec border in Northern Ontario so there are lots of cross border connections. From what my mom has found out from people she knows a \$500 hydro bill in Ontario is only \$62 in Quebec (unofficial figures of course). That works out to a lot of groceries...

A local community of Latchford, population just over four hundred, published the town's November hydro bill. For one month the town was billed a grand total of \$6,688.27. Here is the break down listed backwards from the bill. HST (GST and provincial sales tax combined) was \$769.43. Debt retirement was \$198.14.

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I believe that is a leftover from a few years ago when hydro executives almost bankrupted the power company, so they were allowed to put a debt charge on peoples bills to prevent collapse. Hey, you have to pay for that yacht somehow (I'm not joking, the head of Hydro one bought a yacht, billed it to company and got away with it). Regulatory charges were \$182.13. Here's where it gets fun as delivery charges were \$2,455.36 and global adjustment charges were \$2,644.34. I have no idea what global adjustment charges are, but people

are screaming about them in the paper. Finally, here is the most important part of a hydro bill, the power that you have actually used. Latchford's hydro usage in November cost them a whopping \$438.87. That last number is the actual cost of the electricity the town used. Do the math, you'll puke.

That part of Ontario is a rural area with a mixed farming, mining and logging economy. Growing up there the power supply was always reliable. There were a few brown outs that I remember but no black outs come to mind. The hydro supply there has now become unreliable. Outside of the few larger towns your power is no longer guaranteed. Most people I know back home who live out in the country or even in some of the smaller towns have their own back up generators. The power supply is just that unreliable. There are a lot of dairy farmers in the area. Some of them have gone off grid altogether. When your cow needs to be milked it needs to be milked now not when Hydro one decides to supply you with power. The one farmer who was interviewed had decided that with the expense of having to get a back up generating system for his farm it made more financial sense to go all the way and just cut the line leading to his farm.

I could keep going with this but I think you can see that government programs for green energy don't work and will lead us down the merry road to hell.

Jeff Pacey

"God protect me from my friends. I can protect myself from my enemies."

What to do when you inherit stamps (part 3)

By **Bob Ingraham**
British Columbia Philatelic Society

Continued from September 2017

Sell through a philatelic auction house

If you are willing to wait for a few weeks or months to realize the cash value of your collection, you could sell it through a philatelic auction house. Again, the ASDA and CSDA will provide contact information for several companies that host regular auctions, perhaps in your area. In most cases, these dealers will take your stamps on consignment.

If the collection is small, and housed perhaps in one album, they will probably sell it as a single auction lot, which will be described and perhaps illustrated in a catalogue or on-line listing and made available for viewing in their place of business.

In the case of large, multi-album collections, which typically include boxes of loose stamps as well as philatelic literature and collecting supplies, a professional dealer will divide the material into several lots. Beware the dealer who says he'll sell a large collection intact, as one lot: a collection sold in that manner probably will not realize its true market value.

In their auction listings, dealers normally publish the estimated sale price of each lot. Some auction houses set different opening bids for each lot, so that some lots might start with low bids and some with higher bids. (That's the way eBay works). Other auction houses start the bidding on all lots at the same price; one company I deal with starts all lots at \$10, regardless of the estimated value.

There is an obvious downside to selling by auction: you might not get receive what hoped for. All it takes to push auction bids to a high level is two bidders who want the material. If only one bid is made, then the lot will sell at the opening bid price. That rarely happens with good material, but it is possible.

Depending on the auction house and the type of auction, a collection might be sold in entirety on one or two days, soon after you turn your stamps over to them, or the lots might be sold over a period of several weeks or even months. If you want your money quickly, ask the dealer how long it will be before your stamps are sold.

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There are great advantages to selling through a professional stamp dealer. They have years of experience, and while they might not be able to spot every rare or valuable stamp (no collector or dealer in the world could do that!), they will come close in their evaluations. You will, of course, pay for their service; dealers typically charge a sales fee of 10% to 30% of the sale price for handling your stamps. But they do all the work. You just collect your share and go on with life.

(A note about sales fees: A sales fee of only 10% of the sale price may seem better than 30%, but it is not necessarily a measure of your potential profit. The dealer offering a 10% fee may not spend a lot of time evaluating your collection. If he sells it for \$1,000, you'd get \$900. Another dealer, however, might spend a great deal more time on your collection, do a better job of identifying its strengths, and sell it for \$5000. Even if the latter dealer charges a 30% commission, you would still receive \$3500. The best way to ensure that you get the best deal is to approach two or three dealers, and go with the one that you have the best feeling about.)

Don't sell on-line

If you aren't knowledgeable about philately and don't have a lot of spare time, don't even consider becoming a seller on eBay or other, similar on-line auctions.

To be a successful eBay-type stamp seller requires intimate knowledge of what you are selling, gained only from years of collecting experience. You also would have to dedicate yourself to a long period filled with the inevitable irritations and frustrations that result from buying and selling on-line. To sell a large collection in small lots on eBay or Yahoo wouldn't take forever, it would just seem like forever! And I would absolutely not suggest going on-line to sell a large collection in large chunks, such as entire albums at one go. Buyers might be happy with their purchases, and you might get the whole thing over with quickly, but you might never know what you gave away at bargain basement prices.

(Another caveat: Another "on-line" segment of the philatelic marketplace consists of dealer web sites. There are many stamp dealers today who do much or even all of their business on-line, through eBay and/or their own web sites. On-line, direct sales of

Meeting Dates

The Edmonton Stamp Club meets Mondays at 6:00 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 call 780-451-0420 or 780-437-1787.

2017

November 13th & 27th

December 4th & 18th

Xmas celebrations on the Dec 18th meeting

March 24th & 25th 2018 Spring Show

July 30th, 2018 Summer Auction

2018

January 8th & 22nd

February 5th & 26th

March 12th & 19th

April 9th & 23rd

May 7th & 28th

June 4th & 18th

BNAPS meeting

Edmonton BNAPS (British North America Philatelic Society) meets from time to time. All BNAPSers welcome. For information contact David Piercey at 780-437-2771 or Steven Friedenthal at 780-721-3669.

Nov. 15th Wednesday

Dec. 20th Wednesday dinner meeting, location of restaurant to be decided by Nov. meeting.

location: Temple Beth Ora, 12313-105 Avenue (entrance from south parking lot door)

STAMP CLUB COFFEE CLATCH

Saturday, November 18th, time 1 pm, Boonie Doon shopping mall, 82nd Ave & 83rd street. In the mall food court. Any club topic and more.

Barend Wissink



CAN-E1_MH, (11 bids) \$30



CAN-E2_MNH, (11 bids) \$28

stamps and covers are rapidly overtaking storefront operations. On-line dealers are active buyers of collections, and should be considered when you decide to sell your collection.

Where should you sell?

People ask whether it's better to sell a collection in Canada or in the United States, or in other countries. A general answer: Country collections sell best in their countries of origin. It makes sense to sell Canadian stamps in Canada, American stamps in the U.S., British Commonwealth stamps in the British Commonwealth, etc. I know of one specialist collector who flies back and forth from Canada to Greece to sell portions of his Greek collection. But that's not always practical, especially in the case of large worldwide collections. Personally, I have never been disappointed with anything I have sold in Canada, regardless of whether I am selling Canadian or worldwide stamps and covers.

While it is convenient to sell stamps through a nearby dealer, and nice to deal with them face-to-face, it is not necessary. The stamp trade is international, and dealers often handle consignments from great distances and across international borders. You can tell a great deal about a person through their style of communication in letters, e-mails, and telephone calls.

Final thoughts

Most non-collectors believe that stamp collections are very valuable, and are the ticket to that round-the-world cruise. Unfortunately, we live in the real world, where many collections are worth no more than a few hundred dollars. Some are worth several hundred dollars, or perhaps a few thousand. A few unusual ones sell for several thousands of dollars. The rarest of all may sell, usually at auction, at hammer prices ranging from hundreds of thousands to a few million dollars and *may* make the evening news if an extremely rare stamp is sold or a record price is realized.

A few unfortunate collectors, often beginners, buy stamps in the belief that they are investing their money wisely. They "know" that stamps are valuable. If they have never seen a particular stamp before, they assume that it is rare and perhaps priceless. Such collectors nearly always lose their shirt in monetary sense; I think that they miss the point of collecting, which is the opportunity to learn

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about the history, culture, science, and technology that is illustrated by stamps. While stamp collecting is a solitary pursuit, sharing the hobby with other collectors, and dealers, can lead to lifelong friendships. I hope that you will seriously consider joining the collecting community. If you do not, I wish you the best in selling your collection.

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You will find a wealth of information about selling stamps on the Internet. Just Google "sell your stamps".

On Ebay



GER_BAVARIA-3_U, (15 bids) \$59 / GER_BAVARIA-7_U, (9 bids) \$21



GER_BAVARIA-8_U, (16 bids) \$56 / GER_BAVARIA-14_U, (5 bids) \$21

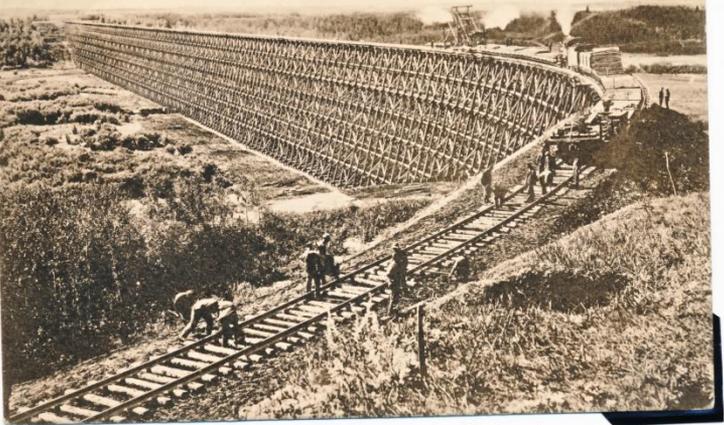
Canadian Dollars

THE DUHAMEL WOODEN TRESTLE BRIDGE by Barend Wissink

Two post cards one of construction and the other finished. Started in the fall of 1909 and first used the following year. The post card of the construction gives a length of 3500 ft. and height of 130 ft.

Actual length was recorded at 3,972 ft. and 120 ft to the Battle River below built by the Grand Trunk Pacific to serve and move goods southward. Only one small problem existed, 120 ft. down in the valley and on the south side of the Battle River stood the town of Duhamel. It was a busy town, boasting a hotel, a general store, livery, lumber co., trading post, and a bar. The town literally pulled the buildings up the hill and located it 2 miles south. The bridge itself lasted

GRAND TRUNK BRIDGE, CAMROSE, LENGTH 3500 FT., HEIGHT 130 FT.



only 12 years. The GTP rail road went broke and the CN took over and crossed the valley to the east. The bridge was broken down and was sold for the price of 2nd hand lumber.

It was rumored while loading the bar on skids and hauling it uphill to its new location it was open to the public all the way. pop 30 in 12 dwellings

Barend has started a series of postcard collections, highlighting bridges in Alberta. These bridges will be presented in the Bulletin over the next few issues.

Sudetenland 1938 -1945



Part1

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A philatelic story

When the new Republic of Czechoslovakia was declared in 1918, it included a an area shaped like a horseshoe around Bohemia and Moravia, with a large number of German speaking inhabitants. This area was known as Sudetenland.



WIR DANKEN UNSERM FÜHRER

This Postal card commemorates the election which was held in Sudetenland December 4, 1938.

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This German speaking Sudetenland minority was used as an excuse by Adolf Hitler to further his dream of "Ein Volk - Ein Reich - Ein Fuhrer ("One nation - One Country - One Leader").

In Asch, Karlsbad, Konstantinbad, Niklasdorf, Reichenberg-Maffersdorf and Rumburg the stock of Czech stamps and Postal Stationary was overprinted by the Sudetengermans.



Card from Bad Godesberg canceled with a commemorative cachet of the first meeting between Hitler and Chamberlain September 22 and 23, 1938. This cachet was made locally and only in use in these two days.

With the co-operation of the Sudetendeutsche Partei (the Sudeten German Party) Hitler secretly created and armed the Sudetendeutsche Freikorps (the Sudeten German Freecorps). Disturbances initiated by the Freekorps forced the Czechoslovakian Government to mobilize his forces on the May 20, 1938.

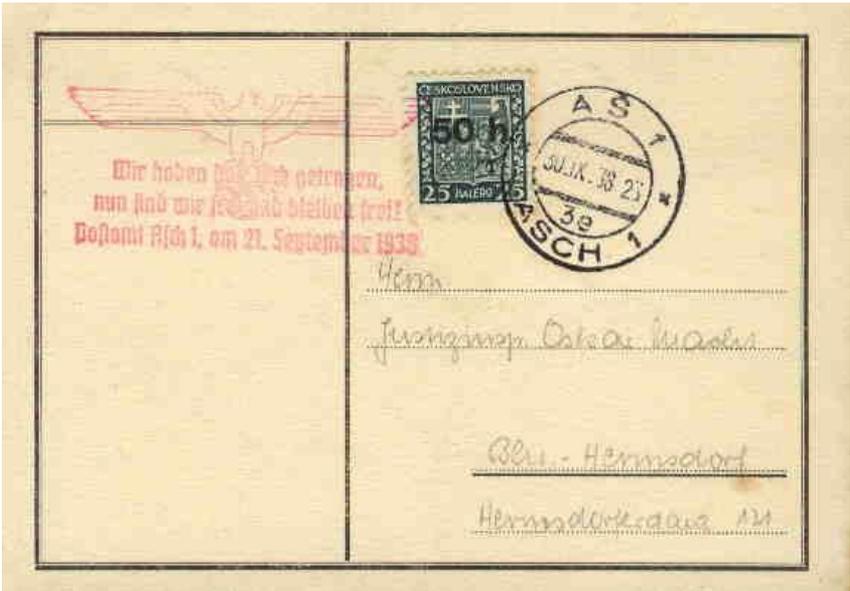


Cover from Jauernig canceled with a Freecorps liberation cancel and a Czech bilingual cancel from September 22, 1938.

On September 12 a huge Nazi rally was held at Nuremberg. Hitler made his famous Sudetenland speech, where he insisted that Sudetenland should be part of Germany or they would invade Czechoslovakia.

On the September 22, 1938 the British Prime Minister Neville Chamberlain flew to to meet Hitler at Bad Godesberg. At this meeting Hitler handed Chamberlain an ultimatum, which set out Germany's terms for a settlement of the Sudetenland question. Chamberlain was not successful in convincing Czechoslovakia to accept Hitler's terms.

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Card from Asch canceled with a liberation cancel with fixed date and a Czech bilingual cancel. Only 765 stamps were overprinted in Asch.



Commercial card from Reichenberg canceled with a liberation cancel which only was in use October 8, 1938. Only 2500 of this stamp were overprinted in Reichenberg-Maffershof.

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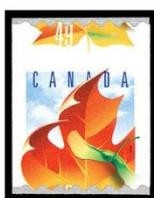


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