

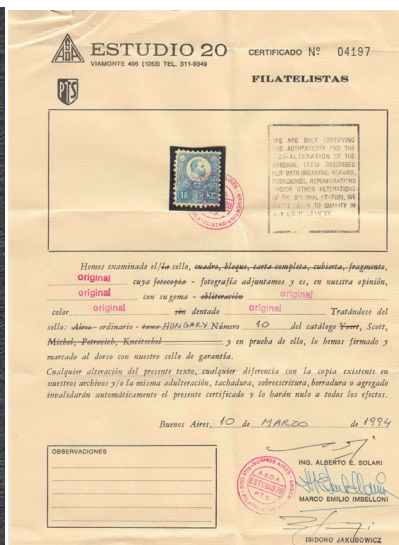
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Messages

Greetings, Philatelists!

The leaves have begun to fall and the Edmonton Stamp Club's 2014 – 2015 meeting schedule begins in a few short days. Two meetings per month for the next ten months means twenty opportunities to mingle, trade, sell and even buy stamps and stamp related items, all to serve our desire for the unusual and the complete. It's a hobby that provides us with a great deal of enjoyment as well as a modicum of frustration to keep us on our toes. Please come out to enjoy as many of the meetings as possible. When you don't show up, you are unable to see how disappointed the others are that you weren't able to come.

This year instead of trying to be a president, I will attempt to do my best at supplying the refreshments for the meetings (otherwise known as The Coffee Guy) and sit at the side table with the circuit books for the members to browse through. As stated before, I hope that I will be able to contribute to this great club without being asked to lead it. Right now my learning curve with the circuit books has got me scrambling to maintain my equilibrium (I never realized that Carol had organized the delivery of almost one hundred circuit books each month to four philatelic groups from B.C. to Saskatchewan.)

I'll be back to pitch the Circuit Books a little more in another Bulletin but this time I just wanted everyone to know that the ESC is back in business after a summer recess and I'd be extremely pleased to see you show up at our gatherings, preferably with a new recruit. Yes, we do have room for more members and if we run out of chairs, we'll make sure we find more. There is always room for another philatelist. Drop by the Circuit Book table and I'll be happy to help you find the countries that interest you or to show you the latest books that have arrived since the last time you checked for your missing stamps. After that we will be able to discuss the state of the world.

Drop by St. Joe's on a Monday evening and plan to spend some time. The new Board of Directors is anxious to try out a few new ideas designed specifically for these meetings so if you don't come, you won't be able to find out what they are. If I were you, I'd make sure my kitchen calendar has a record of when the meetings occur (please check the website www.edmontonstampclub.com or the pages of this Bulletin. Thanks, Fred!) Until then, stamp on, with vigour!

Past-president Pete

Hello Fellow club members and welcome to our next stamp year, coinciding with school this year. We hope all of you will find this to be another fulfilling time for you and our great hobby of stamp collecting.

By the time you get this bulletin the Fall Bourse, Sept 13-14, will be happening in the same Central Lion's Centre we will have our Spring Show. (Speaking of Spring Show it is never too early to let me know about places or events that will accept our brochures to advertise our annual event.) This Fall Bourse is a good event and make sure when you go, to thank Dwayne Minor for organizing this for us. Dwayne is a long time member of our club, so we are grateful for his efforts. Speaking of being grateful, we all want to thank Peter Kuester for the fine job he did as our president over the past several years. We also thank his wife Judy, for supporting Peter and for being such a great host at the many executive (board) meetings we had at their home. We also welcome several new board members to our executive who you met at our Annual General meeting, the first meeting of the year Sept 8. Thank you for joining us and enjoy the ride.

All the best,

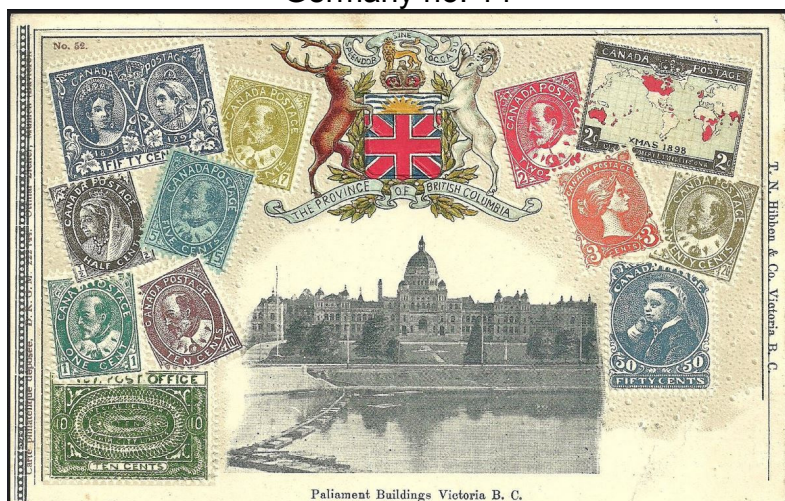
Ed Dykstra

Ottmar Zieher

Ottmar Zieher of Munich, Bavaria, printed postcards between 1897 to 1908 that are copied to this date. From 1902 to 1905 he did several hundred that show the various nations coat-of-arms and their postage stamps on the obverse.



Germany no. 14



Canada no. 52 (British Columbia)

Georgia Overprints

By: Richard Barnes

This stamp is usually difficult to identify because the original stamp is a small stamp with an overprint that unless magnified covers the whole design of the original stamp. In this case the original stamp is an overprinted copy of a Georgia Scott #7 but can very well be any one of the Georgian stamps from 1919-1920, #1-24. One of the reasons to have old catalogues on your shelf is to have access to the notes though out the body of the catalogue to provide additional information to clarify the aberrations that were afflicted upon stamps. Such is the case in the Scott 1927 catalogue. There is still a note in the current Scott catalogue but it is very abbreviated and shortly will probably be gone.

Two different overprints were contemplated by the National Republic of Georgian government on the current stamps; in five lines "Day of the National Guard, 12, 12, 1920." and a four line "Recognition of Independence, 27, 1, 1921." There is a huge language difficulty for most of us when looking at these overprints but they are easy to distinguish because of the clear and prominent dates. February, 1921 the Soviet Red Army invaded and overran Georgia. Some members of the Georgian government fled escaping with large quantities of stamps. It is not clear whether the stamps purloined by the deposed politicians or stamps from official sources that had been sent to Italian printers prior to the Soviet Invasion were used for these overprints. Large numbers of these Italian overprinted stamps ended up in the packet trade. I have seen more Georgian overprinted stamps in old World albums at auctions than original Georgian stamps.

The reason for my looking at Georgian stamps is that I am looking for the third Georgian overprinted for the last twenty years without success. The Imperial Foreign Powers prior to WW I were granted capitulations by the Ottoman government within their empire. These capitulations were the pretext for the Imperial Powers to establish their own postal services within the Ottoman Empire. The National Republic of Georgia did not exist prior to WWI so unlike the victorious Allies at the end of WW I although they established a Consul in Constantinople did not have the right to establish their own postal system and issue stamps for use within the rump of the Ottoman Empire (present day Turkey). Probably following the overthrow of the Georgian Government in 1921 the Georgian Consul in Constantinople has #12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18 and

20 stamps overprinted with "Constantinople" plus new values. No pensions for civil servants of defunct governments so a bureaucrat must do what he must do. I have never seen these stamps. Can any member help me?



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2014	September 22 nd
	October 6 th , 20 th
	November 3 rd , 17 th
	December 1 st , 15 th

2015	January 12 th & 26 th
	February 9 th & 23 rd
	March 9 th & 23 rd
	March 29 th & 30 th Spring Show
	April 13 th & 27 th
	May 11 th & 25 th
	June 8 th & 22 nd

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History, Stamp Collecting, and the U.S. Embargo against Cuba

By Thomas G. Paterson Part 1

Well, I am both a stamp collector and an historian of U.S.-Cuba relations, and there is a story here about how the two roles intertwine. Postage stamps can help us fill in blanks in our knowledge of the past, and they can teach us much about the history, leaders, identity, goals, culture, language, and geography of other peoples.

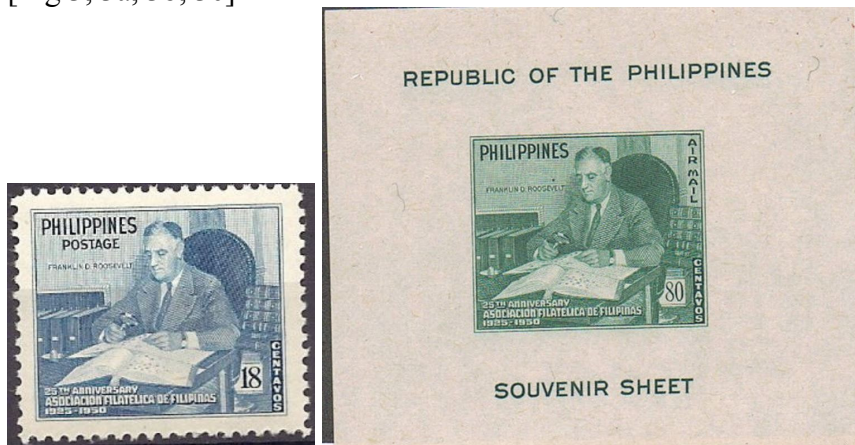
One learns, for example, a good deal about U.S. imperialism and a small island nation's loss of sovereignty in the discovery that after U.S. forces and officials invaded Cuba in the late 1890s, they seized the postal system and replaced Cuban stamps with United States stamps. [Fig 1] | Depicting great Americans, with prices in cents, these stamps were overprinted with "CUBA" and "de PESO." To cite another example: [Fig 2, 2a, 2b] William McKinley, the very president who had denied the Philippines independence, appeared in 1906 on that country's stamps, emblazoned with "Philippine Islands/United States of America." Filipino nationalists must have bristled.



An avid student of history and geography, President Franklin D. Roosevelt enthusiastically collected stamps, as Brian C. Baur notes in his book, *Franklin D. Roosevelt: The Stamp Collecting President* (1999). Roosevelt once showed Prime Minister Winston Churchill a favorite stamp “from one of your colonies.” “Which one?” the imperious Englishman wondered. “One of your last.... You won’t have them much longer, you know.” Churchill was not amused.



[Fig 3, 3a, 3b, 3c]



Unlike FDR, I am only an amateur collector, but with some purpose. When I was young, a thoughtful elderly lady in my Seaside, Oregon, neighborhood handed me hundreds of stamps from Germany and Japan, perhaps given to her by relatives or friends returning from abroad after military service in the Second World War. Like most collectors, to avoid being overwhelmed by stamps from every part of the globe, I eventually decided to specialize in a manageable number of countries: places where the United States had intervened. Such a focus had to change, of course, because that group grew tremendously as the Cold War and the rise of the Third World unsettled the international system, spawning more U.S. interventions.

Cuba had long been on my list, but as I began to research (including two trips to the island) and to write on U.S.-Cuba relations, especially my book *Contesting Castro: The United States and the Triumph of the Cuban Revolution* (1994), that Caribbean nation moved to the top of my philatelic interests.

Simón Bolívar, José Martí, V. I. Lenin, Che Guevara, Ho Chi Minh—one might expect to find these champions of revolution or communism adorning Cuban postage stamps after Fidel Castro toppled Fulgencio Batista's regime in 1959. But George Washington? Benjamin Franklin? Abraham Lincoln? Martin Luther King, Jr.? Ernest Hemingway? Marilyn Monroe? [Fig 4]



Cuban stamps have not only trumpeted the history of *beisbol*, victory at the Bay of Pigs, socialist solidarity with Vietnam, Soviet space exploration, national art treasures, and flora and fauna; they have also celebrated U.S. heroes and heroines.

To be continued.....

Eastern Silesia 1918-1920

Part 4

Now I would like to draw your attention to the philatelic side of the above history. Here is a table showing, what postage stamps were used in the Eastern Silesia in years 1918 – 1920. As you can see, the situation was a bit different in Czechoslovak and Polish parts of the area .

Stamp(s)	Czechoslovak part of Silesia	Polish part of Silesia
Austrian stamps (without overprints) see fig. 5	Oct. 28, 1918 – Feb. 28, 1919 (fig. 4,15,19)	Oct. 28, 1918 – Jan. 20, 1919 (fig. 15,16)
Austrian stamps (with overprints)	Dec. 12, 1919 – Jan. 31, 1920 (<i>overprint Pošta Československá 1919</i>) see fig. 6	Jan. 10, 1919 - ? (<i>overprint Poczta Polska</i>) see fig. 7
Czechoslovak stamps see fig. 8	Dec. 18, 1918 – 1938 on Czechosl. territory (fig.19) Jan. 23, 1919 – 1938 in towns mentioned in list no. I (fig. 17a) August 10, 1920 – 1938 in towns mentioned in list no. III	Jan 23, 1919 – Feb. 25, 1919 only on territories occupied in frame of Šnejdárek expedition (see list no. II) (fig. 18)
Polish stamps see fig. 9	Oct. 28, 1918 – Jan. 22, 1919 in towns mentioned in list no. I ; (fig. 16) Feb. 26, 1919 – August 10,	February 1919 – 1939 on Polish territory

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	1920 in towns mentioned in list no. III	
Czechoslovak SO 1920 stamps see fig. 10	Feb. 13, 1920 – August 10, 1920: only at the Czechoslovak post offices in the Plebiscite area	April 19 – August 10, 1920 : Post office of Cz. Prefect in Tešín (fig. 12)
Polish SO 1920 stamps see fig. 11	April 15, 1920 – August 10, 1920 : in towns mentioned in list no. III fig. 17 b	April 15, 1920 – Sept. 10, 1920 : only at the Polish post offices in the Plebiscite area



Figures 5 to 11

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Generally we can say, that Czechoslovak stamps were not valid in the Polish territory nor the Polish ones in the Czechoslovak territory, with only few exceptions. The exception were caused by violent acts like occupation of territory belonging to the second party (e.g. by Šnejdárék expedition) or by agreements reached at various Peace Conferences (e.g. decision of Paris Conference of Feb. 1919 dividing the area into two portions – see lists no. I + II/III) . In both cases the area belonged to one or other of the players, who started to use own postage stamps there, which lasted until next occupation/peace conference.

The "exceptions" relating to the Czechoslovak stamps were as follows :

1. On Polish territory occupied by Czechoslovaks in Šnejdárék's expedition only the Hradcany stamps without any overprints could be used for period Jan. 23 – Feb 25, 1919. This ended with withdrawal of Czechoslovak forces from the towns mentioned in list no. II in Feb. 1919 (see fig. 18 + 19) ;
- 2 . Just 1 post office called "Poštovní úrad cs. prefektury v Tešíne" (Post office of Czechoslovak Prefect Office at Tešín) being located in Polish part of Tešín town used in period April 1920 – August 10, 1920 Czechoslovak SO 1920 postage stamps (see **fig. 12:** special delivery SO 1920 stamp on a slip of paper mailed at the post office, red cancel, date July 26, 1920) . This was special post office used by the Czechoslovak Prefect in Tešín as well as by International Plebiscite Commission. The mail was delivered by cars on the route Tešín (PL, Cz. Prefect's Post Office) – Mor. Ostrava (CZ)– Svinov (CZ, Rail. Station), where it was given to the Czechoslovak Postal Administration.



The "exception" relating to the Polish stamps was as follows :

1. Before the territory mentioned in lists no. I + III was occupied by Czechoslovaks, only Polish stamps were valid in the towns only (by Polish I mean all stamps valid on Polish territory at that time). Czechoslovak military action ended validity of the Polish stamps in the towns stated in list no. I (see fig. 16), whereas their validity in towns mentioned in list no. III was only interrupted by the Šnejdárék 's expedition - after withdrawal
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of Cz. Units Polish stamps remained valid there by August 10, 1920 (see fig. 17b). No case is known where the stamps of both parties were allowed to be used in one place at the same time or ones's stamps being used in the other's territory. That means, it was not possible e.g. to mix Czechoslovak and Polish SO 1920 stamps on the same cover or to use Polish SO 1920 stamps on territory belonging to Czechoslovakia.

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