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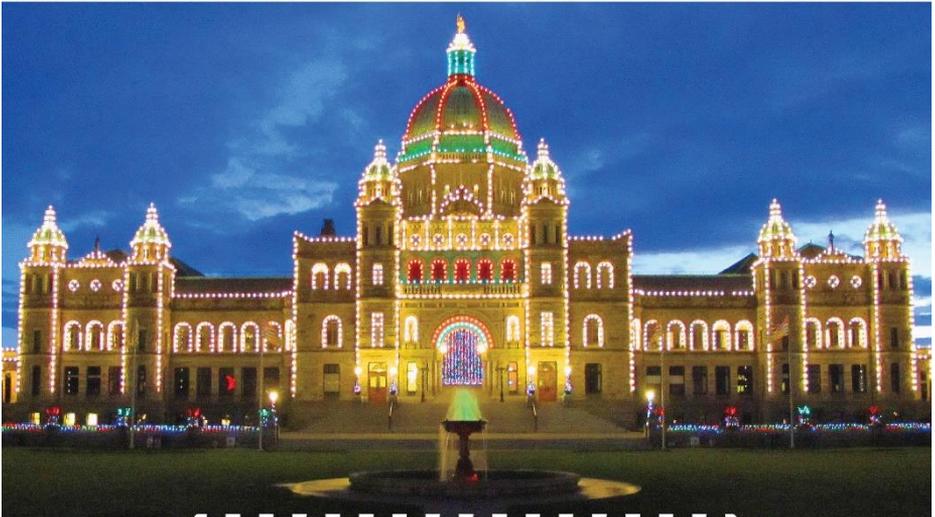
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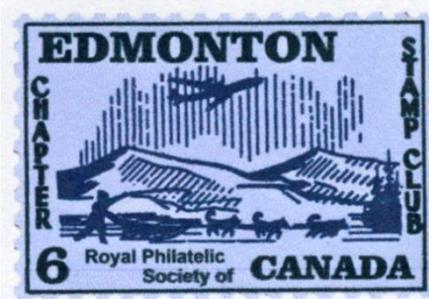
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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

To paraphrase the old Chinese curse, we are “Living in interesting times” with the COVIS -19 virus and the resulting effects on our lives. It is important to look after ourselves and our loved ones. Equally important is that we keep in touch with each other. We in the stamp collecting community and the Edmonton Stamp Club need to reach out to each other by phone and email. I must say it is always nice to get a phone call or email from fellow members of the Club. If you are like me it is nice to know how other members are doing and have a break in my home routine during my home confinement. I am fortunate in that my employer, Home Depot, has allowed me to use my sick leave to stay home for a month during the spread of the virus in Alberta. I will be glad to get out of the house and go back to work by 18 April.

The good news for the Club is that at this time it looks like the expenses to the ESC resulting from the cancellation of the Spring Show will be handled within the cash on hand in the bank. On the other hand, the school where we hold our regular meetings will be closed until September. We are optimistically still planning for the social meeting on July 27 at the Lions Center including holding the large auction in July. We need more auction lots for the July meeting. If you are south of the river you can drop lots off at Fred's house and north of the river at my house. We hopefully will hold the general meeting to approve the financial report and elect the new Board for 2020-2021 during the business portion of the July meeting.

The Board is considering whether we will reschedule the cancelled Spring Show to September. The proposed dates are Friday 18 setup with the show on the 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>. The Board will have to make the decision by no later than May. If you want to comment on this or any business of the ESC, please contact me or any other member of the Board.

The ESC web site will be updated when we know anything further. In addition, there will be a general email to members concerning any changes in events, and dates as they become known. As a last resort for information you can read this President's message in the upcoming Bulletin.

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# NOTICE

## Club Meetings Are Cancelled Until Further Notice

The schools are closed until September

## Summer meeting and auction

Is still planned, depending if the city reopens the venue by June,  
This will allow a final decision as to a go/no-go for July 27<sup>th</sup>.

We are still accepting auctions lots currently.

Contact Fred Tauber: 780-469-3034 or fxtauber@shaw.ca

## HACKERS TRY TO GET YOUR PERSONAL INFORMATION

A recent form of phishing is rampant on the internet. They use public information about the ESC board of directors and send requests for payment from these names. **Delete, do not reply.**

## DOOR PRIZE

### No Name Tag – No Prize

At the regular meetings

Dave Ellis asks members if they have any bulk stamps to donate to the club for the kiloware table? I am running low on stamps that have not been put out already. You can just bring them to any meeting.

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## HEMARUKA SISTERS GO MISSING

Here's a photo of Hemaruka's post office cancellation. The office was named after A.C. Warren's four beautiful daughters - Helen, Mary, Ruth and Kathleen. At a Club show and tell, an album page with a Hemaruka cover postmarked November 29, 1932 was misplaced.

We would like to get the girls safely home. Please check your odds and ends and let our editor know if you've found them.

Thanks for looking!

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# Trading Post

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I need a Canada Post Letter from Santa 2019 to complete my Canadian collection for last year. Does anyone one have one for sale or trade? I must have been naughty because I did not receive my reply this year. Talk to me at a club meeting, or email Richard Barnes [rtbarnes@shaw.ca](mailto:rtbarnes@shaw.ca)

## HEMARUKA SISTERS GO MISSING



(similar postmark – cover missing)

**WARNING** Just as you thought that you had crossed the last bridge of the series, here comes number 16.

### THE C.P.R. BRIDGE at RED DEER

The Calgary & Edmonton Railway (C&E) was started in 1890 to connect the towns of Calgary and Strathcona together, with completion in 1891. After a two month search for a picture of the first two rail bridges I simply gave up, but there must be one out there somewhere. On January 8, 1904 the C&E Railway was leased by C.P.R. for 999 years, so in the year 2903 the lease runs out. Wonder if they will renew the lease?

The wooden trestle bridge over the Red Deer River just wasn't good enough for the increase in rail travel and the ravages of the river in the melt runoff in the Spring.

The planning for a new bridge West of the existing wooden trestle that was near Waskasoo Creek was in the works by 1906. A blurb in the Red Deer News Aug. 7, 1906 already stated that some of the steel for the bridge had already been delivered.

The July 22, 1908 Red Deer News carried this article about making Red Deer the new divisional point (train crews would change there). About the bridge it stated a cost of \$57,000 and to be first rate in all respects. The rail was to be upgraded from

## RED DEER DIVISIONAL POINT.

A New C. P. R. Bridge At Once.

MANY OTHER IMPROVEMENTS TAKING PLACE.

A. Price, General Superintendent of the western division of the C. P. R., together with J. Niblock, Superintendent of District No. 3, passed through Red Deer on Saturday evening last on their special car. In an interview with our reporter, Mr. Price said Red Deer would be made a divisional point at once, and all train crews on freights would change here. A yard engine would be placed here at once, and a number of men will be placed in the car shops to attend to all repairs to engines. Six train crews will make Red Deer their head centre. This, together with yard foreman, car repairs, men in car shops, and yard engine men will make quite an addition to our population. Then the wrecking outfit now stationed at Wetaskiwin, with its crew of men will also make this their headquarters. As most of these men are skilled mechanics, their value as an addition to our population can hardly be estimated.

#### NEW BRIDGE.

A new standard steel bridge will be built over the river within the next few weeks. Already some steel has arrived for the structure. The estimated cost will be \$57,000, and it will be first-class in every respect.

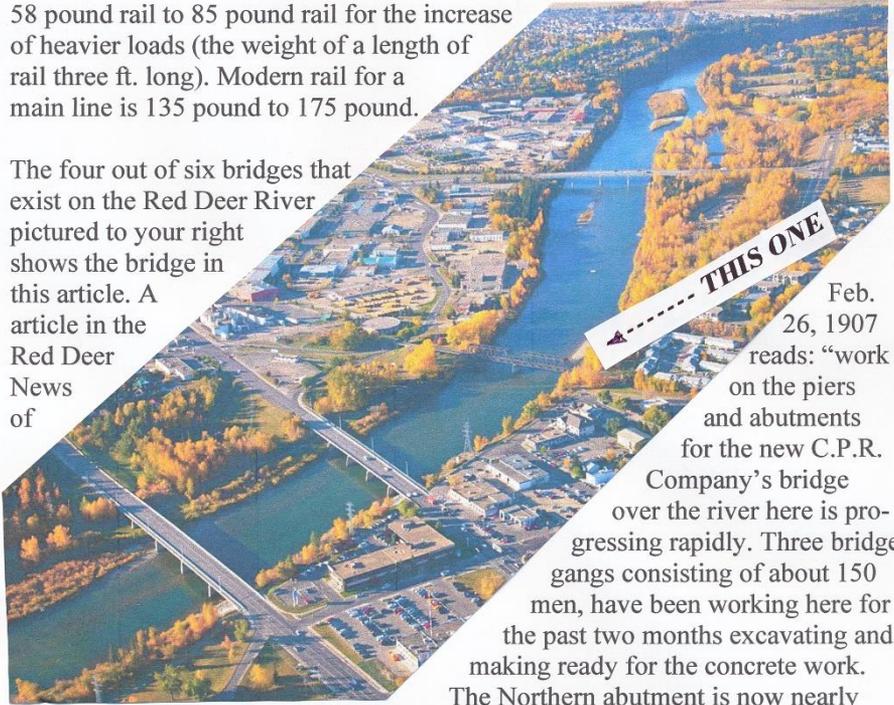
Mr. Price said it was the intention of the C. P. R. to make the C. & E. branch an up-to-date line in every respect. Some 56 pound rails would be replaced by 85 pound rails and bad steel will be replaced wherever found.

The station house will be enlarged and fitted up for the present. Two waiting rooms will be made on the ground floor, one of them for ladies, which will be a great convenience. New floors will be put in, and other improvements made to make the present premises bearable until we get our new station in a year or two. The Company feel that Red Deer has a future ahead of it, and do not want to put up a structure that would in a few years look too small for the place. When they do build they will put up a large, commodious station worthy of a city of twenty thousand population.

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58 pound rail to 85 pound rail for the increase of heavier loads (the weight of a length of rail three ft. long). Modern rail for a main line is 135 pound to 175 pound.

The four out of six bridges that exist on the Red Deer River pictured to your right shows the bridge in this article. A article in the Red Deer News of



Feb. 26, 1907 reads: "work on the piers and abutments for the new C.P.R. Company's bridge over the river here is progressing rapidly. Three bridge gangs consisting of about 150 men, have been working here for the past two months excavating and making ready for the concrete work.

The Northern abutment is now nearly completed and a large gang is working on the centre pier which will have to be

in place before the ice goes out. But the foreman say they will have it done in time. The steel work will not be put up until next fall."

This post card



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shows a two span Pratt Through Truss each being 150 foot long with a wooden truss system on the South end. This bridge served the Calgary to Edmonton run from 1908 to 1990, which at this time, the new bridge was built West of town by-passing central Red Deer. At the same time the railway station was also abandoned. Just months before slated demolition Federal government declared it a historical building spoiling the plans of joining Ross St. to Taylor Drive. The railway station built in 1910 was bought in 1996 by architect John Murray restored and is now home for offices the bridge is now a



walking, cycling, & roller blade bridge.

Just as I thought I would not see a picture of the old bridge I took a closer look at the first post card and you can see the old bridge behind it. Then low and behold here is another one in the Red Deer Archives complete with a teepee in the foreground. c1900



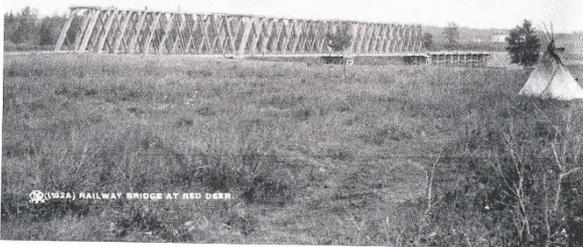
Red Deer River and C.P.R. Bridge, Red Deer, Alberta, Canada.—21.

For those who are keeping track of the post cards:

#1 card: published by Gaetz-Cornet Drug & Book Co. Ltd. Red Deer. Mailed Jan 7, 1911.

#2 Card: Photogelatine Engraving Co. Ltd. Toronto c1930s

Barend Wissink



(1922) RAILWAY BRIDGE AT RED DEER



## **RPSC Volunteer awards**

**2019 winners, Kelly Liusz Moser and  
George (Bud) Cutler  
Presented by Dr. Joel Weiner**

Keeping in line with its new strategic initiative, the Royal Philatelic Society of Canada (RPSC) recognized more than 20 hard-working volunteers at this year's Royal Convention in Mississauga. The RPSC kicked off what will now be an annual recognition of volunteerism – for both members and non-members alike – by honouring 22 philatelists for their work in promoting the hobby at large. Congratulations to Kelly and Bud.

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# 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 780-488-5288 or 780-437-1787.

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**2020**

**July 27<sup>th</sup> (summer  
meeting/auction) Still as  
Scheduled**

**September 19<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup>  
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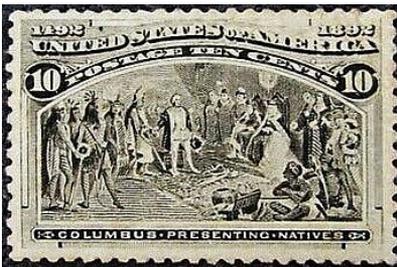
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On Ebay – (Canadian Dollars)



USA #237\_MH, (9 bids) \$48 / USA #239\_MLH, (23 bids) \$109



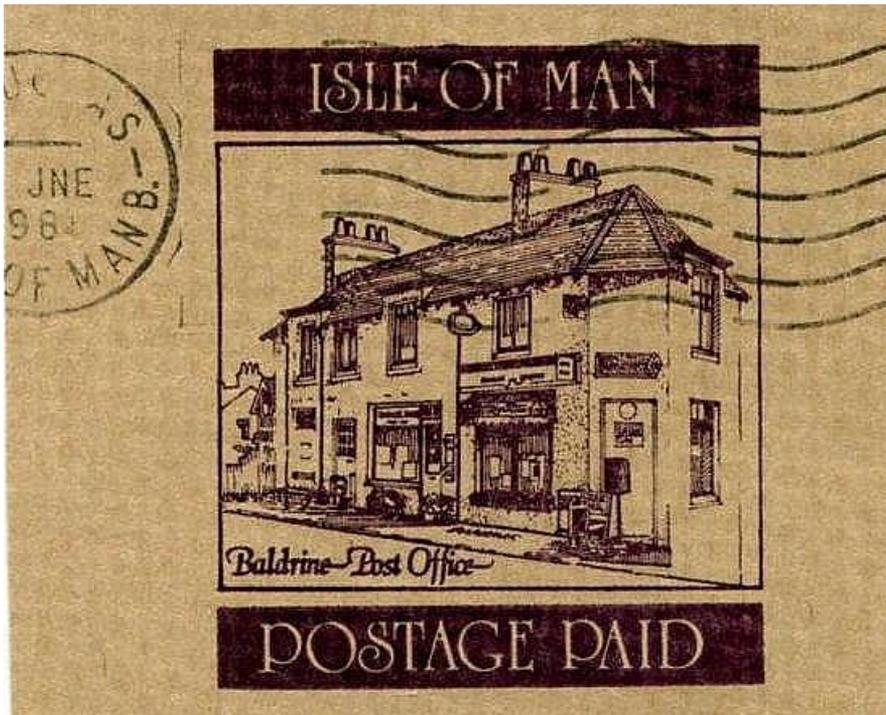
USA #240\_U, (13 bids) \$44 / USA #241\_MH, (27 bids) \$235

# Just When You Are Comfortable

Richard Barnes

Just when you are comfortable with a philatelic topic something will come along to deflate your ego. On the plus side you now have the challenge and excitement of the hunt for more information. I was asked if I knew anything about Great Britain postal stationary, specifically Channel Island material. It is not in my collecting area of interest, but I read the journals and talk stamps with Commonwealth collectors. I was handed a glassine of square cuts off of Isle of Man postal stationary. Whoops, I do not know anything about these items other than what I can read on them.

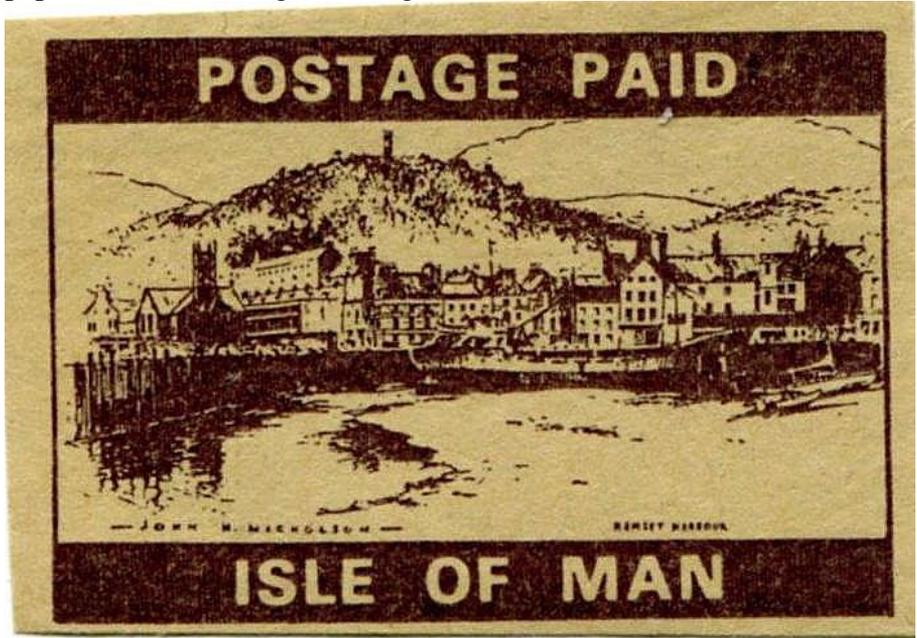
The glassine has a number of square cuts off of Isle of Man postal stationary. They are printed in black directly onto the stationary paper. These square cuts come in two sizes, a large square format [Fig 1] and a slightly smaller rectangular format [Fig 2].



I have seen two different square designs and three different rectangle designs.

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The designs are of different views from around the Isle of Man. A coarse brown paper (large envelope type of paper not white first-class envelope paper) is used but the square design has a heavier grade of paper than the rectangular design.



These square cuts are not found in the Higgins & Gage World Postal Stationary Catalog, 1986. The cancels on the few square cuts in the glassine are from the 1980s and 90s. Envelopes listed in the H & G catalog for Guernsey, Isle of Man and Jersey all have a denomination value on them. These square cuts have no specific denomination only an unspecified Postage Paid on them. From the small sample of square cuts I have seen the square design has the Postage Paid is on the bottom of the design while the Postage Paid is found on the top of the rectangular design.

I asked Great Britain collectors about these square cuts. I have searched my clipping files and books. I have not found any further information with the exception on the web of one dealer advertising a rectangular design square cut for €3.25.

I have exhausted my sources. Can any member provide me with more information?



# TOPICAL COCONUTS

By Ed Pitts

Tycho Brahe (1546-1601) was a Danish nobleman, astronomer, and alchemist, known for his extensive astronomical observations. He was the last of the great pre-telescope astronomers and was a fanatic concerning the completeness and accuracy of his data. His observations were considered the benchmarks of his time. Brahe was born into Danish nobility and at the age of two, was kidnapped by his uncle and aunt, who were childless, and thought that they deserved a lawful son and heir. His parents did not seem to mind so he stayed with them. Tycho was sent to university to study law, but the spectacle of a solar eclipse in 1560 convinced him to take up astronomy.

In 1572 he published a book, *De Nova Stella*, describing supernova SN1572. Although he was not the first to observe it, his detailed analysis helped start a revolution in the way people thought of the supposed immutability of the stars and planets. Shortly after, the King of Denmark, Frederick II, offered Tycho Brahe the island of Hven as a fief along with generous financial support.

Starting in August of 1576 he built a combined manor house and observatory called Uraniborg on Hven. For more than twenty years, Brahe lived, partied and observed here amassing an incredibly valuable collection of stellar observational material. Frederic II died and Brahe left Denmark in 1597 after a falling out with the new monarch.

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In 1598 he accepted a proposal from Emperor Rudolf II and went to work in Prague, there to be helped by Johannes Kepler. Tycho Brahe died in 1601, due to a bladder infection or, insert sinister music here, a case of mercury poisoning. He is buried in Prague. His assistant, Johannes Kepler, took the data Brahe had accumulated and used them to formulate his famous laws of planetary motion.



During his lifetime, Brahe developed his own (erroneous) model of the universe, called the Tychonic system which tried to combine the ideas of Ptolemy and Copernicus. This

cosmic blueprint correctly had the Moon orbiting the Earth, and the planets as orbiting the Sun, but missed the celestial boat completely when he imagined the Sun orbiting the Earth. Close, but no cigar, but well worth consideration as a giant among observational astronomers.



Well that's it for this edition of Topical Coconuts. See you next time.

## The Unexpected & Intriguing, Number 1: “Southesk”

In this and in an, yet, unspecified number of subsequent short articles I am being so bold as to share some of the neat findings I have turned up from various items of postal stationery accumulated over the years. They have enlightened me on snippets of history or geography or other fields of study, even taught me something of our grand Province, and certainly brought these old writings to life; I hope that others too will find the stories interesting. Let me also add, before you ask, that I have discovered neither any closet skeletons nor, alas, any clues for unearthing buried treasure ... from those aspects, it is all rather ordinary and academic!

So having said that, here goes with the first story. In a batch of covers that I recently acquired, I found this curious little item (Illustration 1) from the Boer War period in southern Africa. The rather smudgy military cancel reads “Field Post Office \ British Army S. Africa \ 50 \ 17 JY \ 01”. The flap has gone missing (Illustration 2), so I cannot identify any transit or receiver cancels, but someone has written July 16 on the back. I am guessing that the letter it once contained bore that date.



Illustration 1



Illustration 2

During the Boer War there were several dozen Field Post Offices which handled literally millions of pieces of mail from soldiers writing home during the drawn-out conflict. Because the offices were connected with particular regiments, their locations changed as the troops moved or advanced, so the vast majority were identified, not by a specific town name, but by a numeral above the date, in this case the number “50”. Thus identifying the exact town origin of any specific letter is tricky, but Rich records that FPO 50 was in use from 12 Jan 1901 to 9 Aug 1901 and that, in particular, the office was in Pretoria in July of that year, so presumably Pretoria is where this particular letter started its journey.

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I wasn't sure about keeping this damaged cover. If only it had its contents or clear transit marks, I thought. But before consigning it to the lightless protection of the box of surplus stationery or maybe to the 'discards' folder, I had a second look at the front: to whom was it addressed? *The Countess Southesk, Kinnaird Castle, Brechin, Forfarshire, Scotland*. Now that sounded interesting: an individual from the aristocracy and living in a real castle to boot – a pretty good chance there would be something on-line about the addressee, wouldn't you think?

Sure enough, Kinnaird Castle still exists (Illustration 3), albeit heavily reconstructed after a major fire in 1921, and you can even stay there, for a price, in one of a couple of guest suites available to tourists.



And who was the Countess? At the turn of the twentieth century this was the title belonging to the impeccably well-connected Lady Susan Catherine Mary Murray (Illustration 4), eldest daughter of the 6<sup>th</sup> Earl of Dunmore, and

second wife of James Carnegie (Illustration 5), the 9<sup>th</sup> Earl of Southesk and Deputy Lieutenant of Forfarshire.



Illustration 4

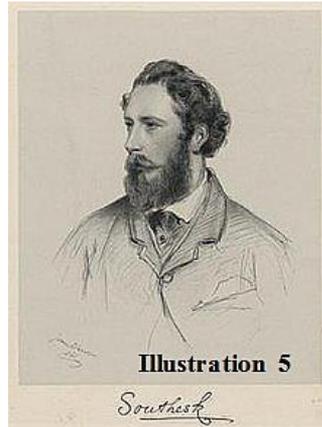


Illustration 5

James had lost his first wife in 1855, after she had born him a son and three daughters, so five years later at age 33 he married Susan, who was ten years his junior. The marriage was productive, if one can use that term, for they had another three sons and four daughters. It was also good for them: they lived long, both dying at age 77, he in 1904 and she in 1915.

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Who was the writer of the letter? In contrast to many military covers from that period, there is no clear indication of who sent the letter, nor to which unit he belonged. However, there are three initials scrawled at the bottom left hand corner of the envelope, not quite legibly ... but would you accept that they might be “R. F. C.”? If so, then surely this envelope was sent by her second son, the Hon. Robert Francis Carnegie, who was serving as a Captain with the 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion Gordon Highlanders in the Boer War. He was an enthusiastic soldier, and was involved in the defense of besieged Ladysmith, where he was severely wounded. He was wounded a second time, and for his bravery was mentioned twice in dispatches.

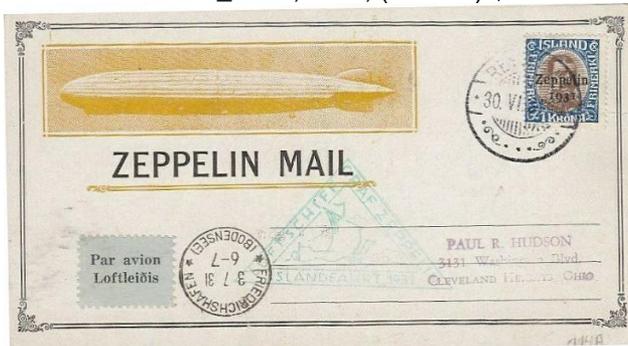
So that was that, I thought. The closest I shall ever get to moving in aristocratic circles is to own this envelope addressed to a Countess. But before putting it aside, I did one more search, and found there was another intriguing layer for an Albertan. Evidently the widowed Earl James was pining away from loneliness, so in 1859 his doctors advised that, to improve his health, he should travel to a place where he could live an active open-air life and hunt. Did you know that hunting might be beneficial for your health? I didn't!

*To be continued*

### On Ebay



USA #C18\_MNH, blk 4, (14 bids) \$119



ICELAND #C10\_CARD, (14 bids) \$113

## 2020 - February : Major (Rtd.) Richard K. Malott, CD, M.Sc., B.A. / 1927-2020



Dick Malott was the foremost Canadian aerophilatelist for many years.

Dick began collecting and researching Canadian air mails in the 1950's and was able to interview several of the pilots who had made the pioneer flights. He developed outstanding collections of "Canadian Pioneer and

Semi-Official Air Mail Flown Covers" and of "Canadian Interrupted Covers", which won 12 large and 5 small gold medals internationally, and many Canadian and American Air Mail Society awards.

Dick was also very involved in organized philately. Among his many roles he was an international judge; Editor-in-Chief for the first edition of *The Air Mails of Canada and Newfoundland* - part of the 6th edition of *The American Air Mail Catalogue*; a Past President of the Canadian Aerophilatelic Society; and a former Chair of the American Air Mail Society's Awards Committee.

Dick was elected a member of the Aerophilatelic Hall of Fame in 1996. He also received many other awards over the years, including election as a Fellow of the Royal Philatelic Society of Canada in 1986, as a Fellow of the Royal Philatelic Society of London in 2005, and was presented with a Golden F.I.S.A. Pin "for his service and devotion to aero- and astrophilately", by the Federation Internationale Des Societes Aerophilateliqes in 2009.

In spite of all his achievements and awards, Dick never seemed to slow down: he was a judge at ORAPEX in 2018, on the organizing committee of ORAPEX for 2019, and continued to support and encourage other philatelists.

He will be missed by many people.

A detailed philatelic biography of Dick Malott has been posted on The Canadian Aerophilatelic Society's website at [www.aerophilately.ca](http://www.aerophilately.ca)

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