

Postal museum to open in September

Postmaster General André Ouellet recently announced that Canada's National Postal Museum would be officially opened on September 26.

It will be situated temporarily in the Sir Alexander Campbell Building in Ottawa; plans are under way to acquire a permanent building to house the museum by 1978.

The museum will display stamps from all countries although those of Canada and British North America will be most prominently featured.

"We believe that we have the finest reference collection of Canadian and British North American stamps in existence," museum manager Jim Kraemer said.

Special displays of philatelic themes and postal artifacts, including cancellation devices and post office equipment, and the Smythies' collection of forgeries will also be on view.

A sales counter, completely decorated to resemble a turn-of-the-century post office operating out of a general store, will also be located in the museum.



Special Postal Museum cancellation

This old-fashioned office will sell mint postage stamps and first-day covers. In addition, all mail sent from the office will receive the special postal museum cancellation.

Numerous contributions of philatelic items have been received since plans for the museum were first announced in 1971.

Extensive library material has also been contributed and the museum now possesses an outstanding collection of philatelic books, especially of Canada and the United States.

Canada/Japan Ministerial Committee

The Secretary of State for External Affairs, Mitchell Sharp, announced recently that Canada and Japan would hold the seventh meeting of the Canada/Japan Ministerial Committee in Tokyo on May 13 and 14. The Canadian delegation will be led by the Secretary of State for External Affairs and the Japanese delegation will be led by Foreign Minister Masayoshi Ohira. Other ministers from both countries will also attend the meeting.

The Canada/Japan Ministerial Committee was formed as a result of the joint communiqué issued during the visit to Canada of former Prime Minister Hayato Ikeda of Japan. It first met in Tokyo in 1963 and has met alternately in Canada and Japan since then. The sixth meeting was held in Toronto in September 1971. Its purpose is to provide a valuable means of contact between ministers of the two countries so that they may exchange views on matters of common interest and familiarize themselves with the problems of the other country.

New values for a clean car

In Port Aux Basques, Newfoundland you can have your car washed free with no muscle, work or coupons involved, courtesy of Agriculture Canada's Plant Protection Division.

The wash, which takes place before cars board the ferry to Sydney, Nova Scotia, is not just a customer service, but a preventative measure to protect potatoes from two soil-borne devastators — golden nematode and potato wart disease.

This idea of wash-off prevention also applies to anyone coming into Canada from overseas bringing a used road vehicle or piece of farm machinery.

But there are two major differences. The international program is aimed at preventing a broader range of pests from entering Canada. There is no free government car wash service, such as that at Port Aux Basques, which is considered part of Canada's internal transportation system.

"It's the traveller's choice. If he wants to bring a vehicle into Canada by boat, we leave it up to him to meet



An inspector from Agriculture Canada takes a soil sample from an imported

car. The cars are washed before entering Canada as a method of pest control.