



Canadian Postal Cancellations

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What, up again, after being banished to the deep recesses of oblivion (by the Editor of a well-known and highly respected Stamp Magazine published in Canada), by the phrase "no serious collector pays much attention to cancellations—precancels—dobs—double strikes or over-prints." Yes, Cancellations are up again—that is, they are not quiet "dead and buried" so to speak.

But, all the same, the wonder is that they are up again, for all the help they get from the many "serious collectors" who are quietly, one could almost say stealthily gathering them in, storing them away and preparing, as many another phase of stamp collecting has been handled for the "psychological moment." We believe the psychological moment is upon us, we believe that Canadian Postal Cancellations are beginning to reflect in the demand as well as in the prices asked (for of course one of these is the cause and the other the effect), the emergence of a well rounded, permanent place and demand for clear, clean, and distinct postal authentication that the service paid for has been delivered by the postal department of our authorized government.



And why in all reasonableness should not Canadian Postal Cancellations receive serious consideration? Edition after edition of British "Cancellation" Catalogues are exhausted, so that you can hardly buy one today—from publisher, collector or second-hand dealer—they are not only out of print but off the market, while Stanley Gibbons' general catalogue gives some information on this line, it is only enough to whet the appetite of the real collector.

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