

Musicians and oarsman featured on new stamps



Musicians Emma Albani and Healey Willan, and oarsman Edward "Ned" Hanlan were featured on three new 17-cent commemorative stamps issued by Canada Post on July 4.

Soprano Emma Albani was born in Chambly, Quebec, where she received her early voice training from her musician parents. Later she studied in Europe, made her very successful debut in *La Sonnambula*, and then continued her operatic career singing in most of the major opera houses. She died in England in 1930.

Organist and composer Healey Willan was born in England and received his music training there. He came to Canada in 1913 as a department head of the Toronto Conservatory of Music and professor

at the University of Toronto. His more than 300 compositions include organ music, choral works, symphonies, chamber music, and a piano concerto. One of his anthems was included in the service book for the coronation of Queen Elizabeth II. He died in 1968.

The formal-style portraits of Emma Albani and Healey Willan were painted by Toronto artist Huntley Brown. Emma Albani is shown in the costume of Violetta in *La Traviata*. Healey Willan is pictured in a characteristic pose, seated at the console of a church organ. These two stamps are printed as se-tenant pairs in panes of 50 stamps.

Oarsman Edward "Ned" Hanlan was born in Toronto, and from an early age was rowing on



Toronto Bay whenever he could get away from his job in his father's hotel on Toronto Island. At only 18 years of age he became champion oarsman of Toronto Bay. Over the next few years he established himself as the best sculler in Ontario. He turned professional, won both Canadian and American championships, set a new world record on England's river Tyne, and then went on to win the world's championship on the Thames in 1880. Ned Hanlan was not only one of Canada's first national sporting heroes, but also, as world rowing champion, Canada's first great international sports personality. He died in 1908.

The Ned Hanlan stamp, designed by Toronto photographer Clive Webster, is based on a contemporary photograph of Ned Hanlan in his racing shell.

Ontario's summer waterway

One of Ontario's great summer waterways is the Trent-Severn waterway, a system of canals, rivers and lakes by which boats can travel through some of the most attractive forest and pastoral scenery in southern Ontario.

Started as a commercial canal system in the middle of the last century, the Trent-Severn waterway, which stretches from Lake Ontario to Georgian Bay, is now used almost entirely by pleasure craft.

The waterway begins at Trenton, at the mouth of the Trent River on Lake Ontario. It runs up the Trent and then, by canal, to Rice Lake, a stretch of water with wooded shorelines and excellent fishing. From there, it follows the Otonabee River to Peterborough, where boats are lifted 194 meters (216 feet) by the world's highest hydraulic lift lock. Built almost 80 years ago, the Peterborough Lift Lock was regarded as a marine engineering wonder in its day.

From Peterborough the waterway heads through the Kawartha Lakes to Lake Simcoe and then north to Port Severn on Georgian Bay. The route has been developed for the benefit of pleasure craft, with all channels clearly marked, an adequate supply of marinas along the route where fuel and food can be purchased, and places where pleasure boats can be rented. Historic sites are also marked, showing that this was a key route for the early voyageurs and fur-traders. There are provincial camp sites available at many of the more interesting landing places.

From Georgian Bay, the route is open to navigators to enter Lake Huron and, by way of the Sault Ste. Marie canal, to make their way into Lake Superior. Or the round trip can be completed from Lake Huron by way of the St. Clair River and Lake St. Clair to Lake Erie and through the Welland Canal back to Lake Ontario.

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Canada-Denmark fisheries pact

A fisheries relations agreement between Canada and Denmark was signed recently in Ottawa.

The agreement was signed on behalf of Canada by the Minister of Fisheries and Oceans Roméo LeBlanc and on behalf of Denmark and the Faroe Islands by Danish Ambassador Vagen Korsbaek and Head of the Home Government of the Faroe Islands Lagmand Atli Dam.

The agreement provides for recognition of the Canadian 200-mile fishing zone, access to allocations of fish surplus to Canadian requirements, protection for Canadian salmon, undertakings regarding commercial co-operation concerning fish products and also recognizes the special interest of Canada in the stocks beyond and immediately adjacent to the 200-mile limit off the Atlantic coast.

The agreement is one of a series concluded with countries which have traditionally fished off the coasts of Canada.