

## STAMPS

The first Canadian stamp was the threepenny red beaver issued by the Province of Canada on April 23, 1851. Designed by Sandford Flemming, (later knighted), it is valued at \$4,500 in "superb" mint condition. A red orange beaver of the same quality would fetch \$6,000. There were 150,200 issued.

The "twelvepenny black" of Queen Victoria is a rarity today worth \$16,000 for "fine" mint specimens. The Province of Canada issued 1,450 in June, 1851. In 1969 one unused pair was sold for \$44,200. The 2 cent Large Queen issued April 1, 1968 is a greater treasure. There are only two known copies, both used, and valued at \$30,000.

The Paul Kane 7 cent (1971) the \$1 and \$2 Definitives of 1972 depicting Vancouver and Quebec City and the 1973 8 cent stamp honouring Jeanne Mance, North America's first secular nurse, are notable recent issues. A special Commemorative stamp has been designed for the Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting, August, 1973.

Daily mail service across Canada began in 1886; air mail service began in 1928.