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The Christmas collection of the Public Archives of Canada

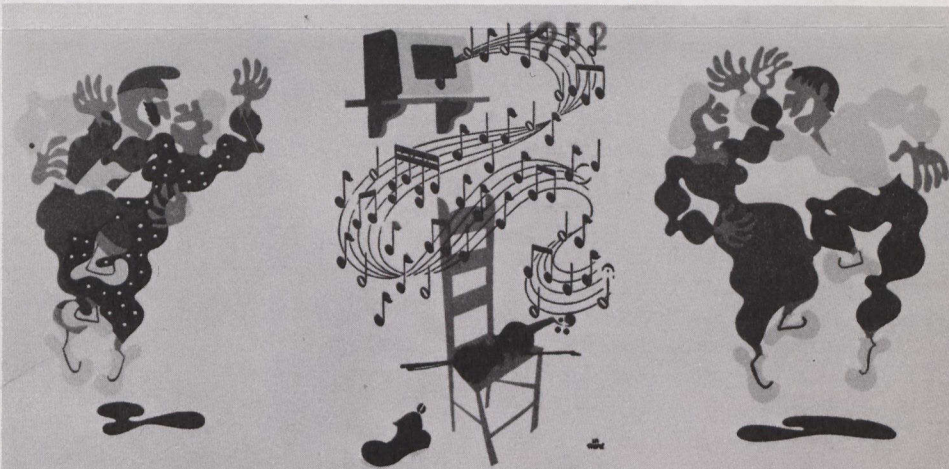
The Public Archives of Canada has, as part of its holdings, about 300 Christmas cards designed and made by Canadian artists.

The Archives collection includes cards by such Canadian artists as A.Y. Jackson, Lawren Harris, Alfred Pellan and Robert LaPalme.

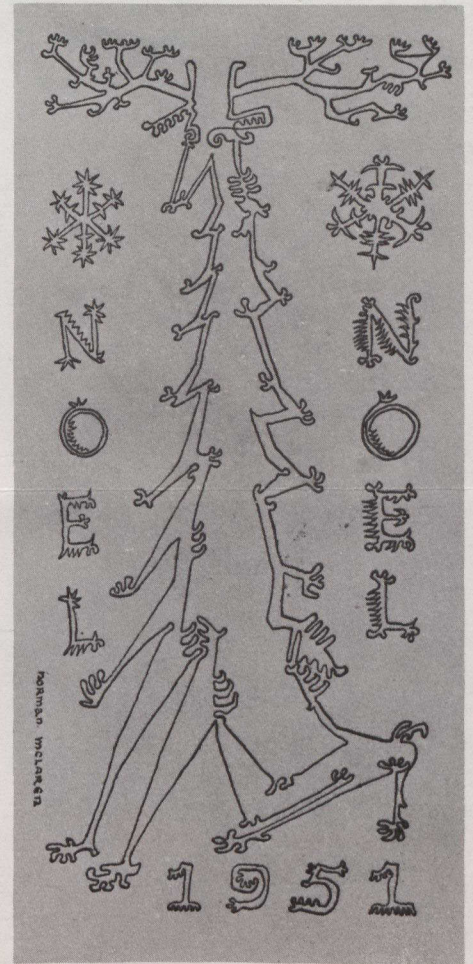
The picture division of the Archives has acquired a number of cards from private collections such as the H.O. and Dorothy McCurry Collection. As an employee of the National Gallery of Canada

from 1919 and its director from 1939 to 1955, Harry Orr McCurry received over the years hundreds of greeting cards designed and made by Canadian artists.

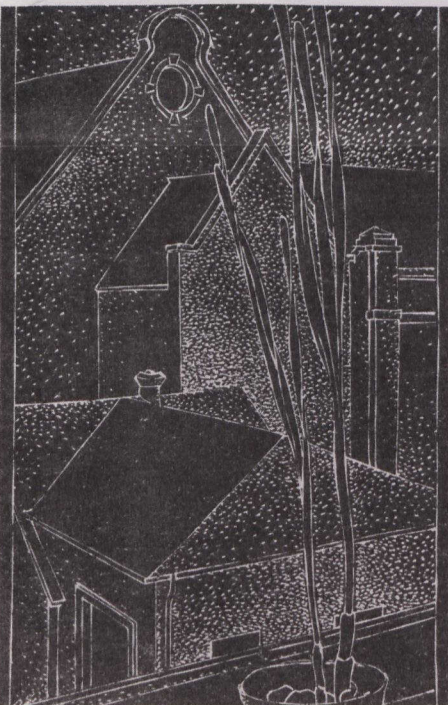
"Cards by Fritz Brandtner, Robert Bruce and Lowrie Warrener sent to McCurry during the Second World War are particularly interesting," said archivist Lydia Foy. "These three artists have expressed their intense feelings about the war by depicting the carnage and machines of destruction alongside traditional Christmas symbols."



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A Christmas card designed by Canadian artist Robert LaPalme (1908-1952); a photo process print.



A Christmas card by Norman McLaren (1914-), a photo process print.



Card by L.L. Fitzgerald; partial view.



Card by Fritz Brandtner (1896-1969) created during the Second World War.