



Stamper

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Newsletter from the Lethbridge Philatelic Society

Truth and Reconciliation

Honour and pay tribute to First Nations, Inuit and Métis peoples with this booklet of 8 Permanent™ domestic rate stamps issued to mark the National Day of Truth and Reconciliation.

Canada Post is committed to listening to Indigenous voices and to using these stamps as a way for Survivors to share the truth of their experiences so that we can support the process of reconciliation and, ultimately, healing, as we move forward.

Canada Post thanks the Survivors Circle of the National Centre for Truth and Reconciliation for their guidance throughout this process.

The Survivors Circle stressed that it is necessary to address the truth before we can collectively work toward reconciliation. As such, this year's stamps focus on archival images of the school as part of our collective efforts to come to terms with the full history of residential schools and their ongoing impact on Indigenous Peoples today.

Canada Post calls on Canadians to acknowledge and reflect on the injustices that have been levelled on generations of First Nations, Inuit and Métis peoples.

Canada Post is committed to building relationships with First Nations, Métis and Inuit communities to support the reconciliation process.

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The Lethbridge Philatelic Society

The Lethbridge Philatelic Society meets on the 2nd Thursday of the month at 7:00 P.M. (except July and August). Meetings at **Insight**



LETHBRIDGE, ALBERTA

Insight

#1, 1718-3 Avenue south,
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Next Meeting: **October 12, 2023**, in the downstairs conference room.

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This stamp issue calls attention to the trauma created by the residential school system and the need for healing and reconciliation.

Kamloops Residential School, Kamloops, BC

Opened: 1890

Closed: 1978

Denomination: Roman Catholic

The Kamloops Industrial School became one of the largest schools in the Indian Affairs residential school system.

In 2021, Tk'emlúps te Secwépemc announced the discovery of 200 potential burials at the former Kamloops Residential School site, changing the national

IN MY OPINION

BY WALTER KERBER

Collection Postage Stamps in these tough times.

Yes we're philatelists, collecting stamps, but what do we collect when we lose interest in the stamps being issued in our favourite countries? Many of the collectors that are in the club also collect themes; these are from fauna to trains or sports like soccer. There are also other subjects of collecting postage stamps. These involve the adventures, where stamps depict events. They can be interesting, historically, as well as the excitement of finding stamps which depict the things you want.



Most everybody knows about Zeppelin and the big airships from the event at Lakehurst New Jersey, where the Hindenburg burned and crashed. Before that the Airships of Zeppelin only had numbers. One of those ships made several voyages including a trip around the world. Many countries issued stamps with the airship when it happened. Then on the anniversaries there are more stamps. There are 25 years, 50 years, 75 years, and 100 years. These represent quite a collection from all over the world.

I've had an interest in aeroplanes since I was a child, and recently the German Post Office issued several Airplanes on stamps. One of these was the DO X Dornier airship, Seaplane. I would call it a flying cruise ship, because it was huge. I also learned that it had a little sister, called the Dornier "Wal", or whale. This one was small compared to the DO X, but still of a good size. It turns out that this seaplane was ideally suited for the exploration routes in South America and Africa for carrying loads into remote areas as well as having extensive range.

In addition to the German issues of stamps, there are also various stamps from countries where the aircraft is not identified, but is easily recognizable. While Amundsen from Norway was exploring the North Pole, he used the aircraft and later at the South Pole as

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Stamps of the ROYAL MAIL





Belgium Stamps



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conversation about the history and impact of residential schools in Canada.

Île-à-la-Crosse Residential School, Île-à-la-Crosse, SK

Opened: 1821

Closed: 1976

Denomination: Roman Catholic

Residential schools for boys and girls were operated in the historically Métis community of Île-à-la-Crosse from 1821 to 1976. A day school began in 1847, evolving into a residential school after 1860.



Sept-Îles Residential School, Sept-Îles, QC

Opened: 1952

Closed: 1971

Denomination: Roman Catholic

Also known as Maliotenam, the Sept-Îles Residential School was the first such institution established in Quebec in the post-war period. Instruction at the school was in French and starting in 1961, it also served as a residence for students attending high school in Sept-Îles.



Grolier Hall, Inuvik, NT

Opened: 1959

Closed: 1997

Denomination: Roman Catholic

Grolier Hall was opened in the newly established community of Inuvik as part of a federal plan to establish hostels in northern communities. It was selected for the stamp issue to represent Inuit and Northern First Nations experiences at residential schools. The inclusion of the residence extends the scope of this series to include the experiences of Survivors who attended day schools, which often go unrecognized



Another ‘Special’ stamp for AUSTRIA

This year, the Austrian Federal Railways (ÖBB) celebrates its 100th anniversary, and Austrian marks this occasion with an especially innovative miniature sheet.

This miniature sheet is remarkable in numerous ways. It's made from recycled acrylic glass and is just over two millimetres thick. The material references the station name signs found in every train station. Each stamp has a detachable slip, modelled after these signs, which displays the name of an Austrian ÖBB station in the characteristic white lettering on a blue background. Thus, there are more than 1,000 variations of the miniature sheet, though the primary stamp design – depicting ÖBB trains from different eras – remains consistent. The stamps were printed in multiple phases using screen and digital printing processes, mirrored on the reverse side, similar to reverse glass painting. The printed panels were then precision cut using high-precision lasers, including the characteristic perforations associated with stamps. On the reverse side of the slips with the station names, there's a thin magnetic film, allowing the miniature station sign to be affixed to objects like a fridge.



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Announcements

• Next Meetings :

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• November 9, 2023

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well, with Stamps and sets issued by various countries.

In a recent article, I discovered that one German pilot was determined to fly it around the world. He went across the Atlantic in hops to the United States, then across Canada including stops at Winnipeg, Edmonton and Prince Rupert before venturing to Alaska and the Aleutians to Japan and Asia and then across the Southern part back to Europe. I wonder, how many Postal Items, stamps and commemorative stamps are representing this event from the 1930's?



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