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This newsletter is published monthly by the Huntsville Philatelic Club. Meetings are held on the First and Third Tuesdays of every month at 7:00 p.m. at the Fern Bell Recreation Center, 107 Sanders Road SW. Visitors are always welcome.

MEETING CALENDAR

Nov. 2 One-page Exhibits, the theme is turkey; and Ray Pietruszka's "Collecting Plate Number Coils"

Nov. 16 Philatelic Auction Night

Dec. 7 Wade Saadi's 1847 Issue Exhibit – Second half

Dec. 21 Philatelic Auction Night

All regular club meetings begin at 7:00 pm unless otherwise noted. Auction sellers are asked to arrive 15 minutes early to allow for viewing of auction lots.

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Annual dues are \$12.00 per individual and \$3.00 per additional family member. Dues are prorated for new members and renewals are payable in January.

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SOUTHEAST FEDERATION OF STAMP CLUBS

The Southeast Federation web site is a great source for information about stamp collecting activities in the Southeast region. Please visit www.stampclubs.com

STAMP CLUB NEWS

- Please take note of the changes in the meeting calendar from last month's newsletter.
- The one-page exhibit night will be Nov. 2nd. The selected exhibit theme is TURKEY; any and all definitions of that word are included in this category.
- **Ray Pietruszka** will also give a presentation on Collecting Plate Number Coils on Nov. 2nd.
- The second half of Wade Saadi's 1847 issue exhibit CD presentation will be viewed on Dec. 21st.
- Club member **John Burnett** was invited to give a presentation about Canada's 1937-42 Mufti stamps at a recent meeting of the Chattanooga Stamp Club.

HUNTSPEX 2011 NEWS

44TH ANNUAL HUNTSVILLE PHILATELIC EXHIBITION AND BOURSE

- Dates: June 4-5 at the Bevill Center & Hotel
- Theme: 50th Anniversary of America's First Manned Space Flight (May 5, 1961, Mercury-Redstone 3, Freedom 7, 15m-28s, Alan B. Shepard, Jr.)
- Events: 11 Dealer Stamp Bourse
Philatelic Exhibition
Awards Dinner at the Soldatenstube

SOUTHEAST REGION STAMP SHOWS

October 23 ANNUAL CSRA STAMP SHOW
Greater Augusta Stamp Club, Americas Best Value Inn, 3023 Washington Road (at I-20 Exit), Augusta. Contact Peter Igel, igelsp@bellsouth.net; 706-868-6769.

November 20-21 FALL STAMP SHOW 2010
Stamp Dealers Association of Georgia, The Mansour Center, 995 Roswell Street, Marietta. Contact Kim Conti, cc1999@bellsouth.net; 770-426-6504.

CANADIAN COVERS REFLECT ASPECTS OF WARTIME

John Burnett

In this article I want to discuss a little about some of the issues of going to war.

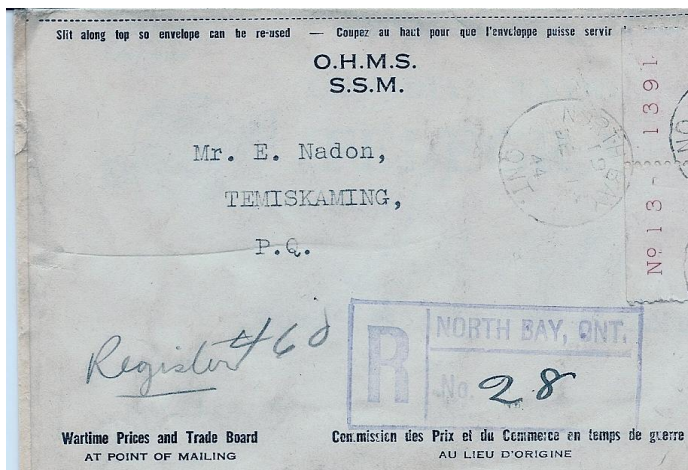
In 1939, Canada joined Great Britain and the rest of the British Commonwealth of nations in war with Germany.

Canada is a vast land, but when you look at her "per capita per acre" she is one of the least densely populated places on earth. Canada is endowed with enormous natural resources that went into the war effort. In 1943 she found herself in a pinch for these resources, for use in domestic consumption.

Although production of all kinds had reached record levels in Canada during WWII, the country was fast running out of both the manufactured staples and more importantly the manpower to produce them.



One important wartime commodity was pulp and paper. As a wartime economy measure, it was decided that government agencies would wherever possible, reuse envelopes when sending out their mail. Pictured above is an example of a reused envelope and the label (shown enlarged below) that instructed the recipient how to use it.



The envelope has a number of very interesting philatelic items which bear noting. First and foremost is the re use label applied over the front and part of the back of the envelope. The label carries the O.H.M.S. (On His Majesties Service) for English and the French equivalent S.S.M. Along the top in front is an instruction "slit along top so envelope can be reused" and to its right the same thing in French. The letter is registered and the registration and postage have been paid for using a plate block of the 4¢ wartime stamp and it is from Plate 13, which is not seen very often.

On the back of the envelope (shown cropped below) shows how the label folds over the top and has some more instructions. The sender has used some paper tape (probably applied by the post office) as it is a registered letter. The stamps on the envelope are also security perfined with OHMS indicating the letter has come from an office issued stamps for official use only.



These labels were used for the duration of the war and for a year or so after as Canada came back from wartime production.

There are many varieties of these labels and I have never seen one in a dealer's box that was sold at a premium as it seems no one has started to seriously consider them a collectible.

For those who think there's nothing out there to study, think again!

Additional articles by John Burnett scheduled to appear over the next few months include:

Canadian POW Mail from Japan in WWII

Mail to Japanese POW's was also Difficult

Wartime Security Breeds Collectibles

A Small Start can Build a Grand Collection