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Dear Friends of the Harry Sutherland Library,

The library is very quiet without any visitors but I have been keeping busy catching up with all the cataloguing and other tasks that have been waiting for attention. While doing this a number of films and digital works have come to my attention.



The documentary *Freaks & Errors* was shown at one of the New Year's Levee days and has now been added to our digital collection as an mp4 file. It is 1 ½ hours long and includes interviews with some people that we know: Irwin Weinberg (of the 1 cent magenta), Neil Steinberg, Douglas Weisz, Jim Jorte, Cheryl Ganz, Ian Gibson-Smith, George Holschauer, William H. Gross, Donald Sundman, Charles Shreve, David Redden and Stuart Weitzman. I expect that this file is too large to send out (over 3 G) but the film is available online at <https://www.freaksanderrorsfilm.com/>. You can subscribe on YouTube or get it on iTunes or several other platforms from that site. It is now distributed by <http://gravitasventures.com/> linked from the film page so you could check out their other offerings if you want while you are there.

Canada Stamp by Stamp is an NFB production from 1947 using stamps from King Edward VII, King George V and King George VI to take a tour across Canada. *A Postage Stamp is Made* is a Canada Post filmstrip from 1949. These last 2 have been converted from filmstrips into PowerPoint presentations complete with notes from the transcription so I could easily send these out by email.

In addition we have also added a record for the *Postal History Corner* created by Andrew Liptak writing as Philcovex.



POSTAL HISTORY CORNER

Canadian Postal and Philatelic History

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There is a vast amount of detailed information regarding Canadian postal rates from the 1800s to the year 2000 in the blog, now maintained by the Postal History Society of Canada and with open access at <http://postalhistorycorner.blogspot.com/>.

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| 1. Canadian Domestic Letter Rates From 1868 to the Present Day | 2. Canada Domestic Local Letter Rates : 1851 - 1968 |
| 3. United States Letter Rates: 1851 to the present day | 4. United States Air Mail Letter Rates : 1927 - 1976 |
| 5. Canadian Domestic Air Mail Rates : 1928 - 1954 | 6. United Kingdom and Empire/Commonwealth Letter Rates : 1859 -1971 |
| 7. Air Mail Letter Rates to the United Kingdom | 8. International (Universal Postal Union) Letter Rates : 1892 to the present |
| 9. Reduced International Letter Rates : Mexico, Cuba, West Indies and Central America, France, South America, and Spain | |
| 10. Links to Other Posts Dealing with Canadian Postal Rates | 11. Revamped Centennials |

There are also a wide-range of articles dealing with Canadian stamps and postal history. All you postal history fans (philophiles?) could spend some time there.

Do you have any book recommendations or internet discoveries that you would like to share with the wider community in this newsletter? I will include some in the next newsletter. To get you started I have one. The website www.canadiana.ca has a wide variety of old journals and other information available although the results can be in a strange order. Searching for postmaster gives a large number of interesting results: <http://www.canadiana.ca/search/?lang=eng&q0.0=postmaster&collection=govpubs&dt=1885&df=1851>

You may have noticed a totally new format for our online catalogue. It was a surprise to us as well! The framework for how our data is displayed has completely changed and still seems to be under development. Our library manager, Sheila Moll, will work on this from home but you can expect changes in the display over the next few months. Sheila would also like to receive your comments on the catalogue at any time. She is concerned that the title display is too light and has asked the provider if it can be improved. Are there any other aspects which you would like changed or that you don't understand? Any replies about the online catalogue will be forwarded to Sheila.

The library will continue to be open Monday to Thursday for research requests by phone or email although it may take a while to receive phone messages and to respond by phone or email.

Keep well and safe,

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