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The President's Report for 1968

The year 1968 was one of change and innovation for the S. C. C. The new By-Laws were adopted by vote of the membership in January, and the first officers under the new rules were elected in December, to take office as of January 1, 1969, for a term of two years. Although the By-Laws provide for nominations by a chapter or any group of six members, none were received (perhaps we didn't publicize this enough), so the slate as proposed by the nominating committee was elected. The gratifying thing, however, was the number of members who took the trouble to send in their ballots in an uncontested election. Of 604 ballots sent out, 330 were returned, a remarkable result under the circumstances. We hope to justify this vote of confidence in the coming years.

Two important steps were taken that had been envisioned and provided for in the new by-laws. Early in the year, the National took over the operation of the Scandinavian Stamp Mart, **Wade H. Beery** being appointed the Manager. This move required no outlay by the S. C. C. except a small advance for working funds, which will be repaid out of commissions. Then as of September 1, by action taken at the Regional meeting in Rochester, the National took over the Scandinavian Philatelic Literature Service. This meant buying the stock on hand, after an inventory and certain adjustments, and involved an outlay of about \$1500. But while this reduces the Club's cash balance, it is still an asset, and one that will return good dividends in time. **Ray Norby** continued as Manager, and the sale of the new catalogs is already showing good results, as he reports elsewhere in this issue. Both of these enterprises had been started by Chapter 9 (North Jersey), and had grown in size and importance to the point where that chapter, and your National officers, felt they should be a function of the National society. I wish to thank Chapter 9 publicly for relinquishing these services to the National S. C. C.

The big event of 1969 will be the first truly national convention of the S. C. C., to be held at COMPEX in Chicago, May 30 and 31 and June 1. The Chicago chapter has been planning for this for almost two years, and has

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NORWEGIAN POSTAL RATES The Skilling Period 1855-1876

By R. Geraint Jones (Wales, England)

Since I started collecting Norway some twenty years ago, I have always had great difficulty in finding out what the postal rates were during the early period of use of the skilling stamps. I have failed to find any reference which lists these simply and clearly. Fragments of information have appeared from time to time, sometimes in English, sometimes not, but they have covered only some facets of the problem, and have made no attempt to deal with it as a whole.

During the past year or so I have been gathering information from publications, articles, and collectors, and this article is the result of putting all this information together. I am the first to realize that it is far from complete, but as a result of its publication, I hope more information will be made available. It seems easier to get collectors to write to correct an error, than it is to get them to supply information which would have made the error unnecessary in the first place!

Internal Rates

These are the simplest part of the problem, but are included to make the picture as complete as possible. It was not until 1871 that a postal law was introduced which listed the different categories of postal articles and their rates.

The original inland rate of 4 skilling was introduced in the postal rates act of July 7, 1854, which came into effect on January 1, 1855. This stated, "For the carriage of a single letter (i.e. a letter weighing not more than 1 lod (15.63 grms) the charge irrespective of distance shall be 4 skilling if pre-paid, 5 skilling if not prepaid." This rate continued in force until Jan. 1, 1872 when it was reduced to 3 skilling.

A printed matter rate of 1 skilling was introduced in 1868. I have internal letters prior to 1868 which bear a registration franking of 8 skilling, and this was reduced to 4 skilling in 1871. The only other aspect of internal mail I wish to cover is the local post Christiania Bypost. The introduction of this was first mentioned in an Order in Council dated October 8, 1856, which came into effect on February 2, 1857. This stated "The fees for letters and parcels carried by this post is fixed at 2 skilling for letters and parcels weighing not more than 4 lod, and at 4 skilling for letters and parcels weighing more than 4 lod but less than 32 lod. This fee, which can be paid by either the sender or the recipient, can be prepaid with stamps which for letters and parcels up to and including 4 lods weight are issued by post offices and are sold for 2 skilling each or 3spd. 24 skilling per 200 (120 skilling=1 Speciedaler). This post may not handle letters and packets weighing more than 32 lod."

Foreign Rates

These are the rates which cause the difficulty. The Norwegian Director of Posts informs me that they do not have records showing the foreign rates during the years 1855-1868. He also says that prior to the constitution of the Universal Postal Union on July 1, 1875, uniform postal rates did not exist, and not only varied according to the country of destination but also in many cases according to the route employed.



Typical 26 skilling franking 1861 to France

Therefore, we have to work from the few facts that are known, and attempt to check these with available covers. We are at a disadvantage by not knowing the original weight of the letter, nor do we know how carefully letters were weighed before being charged. For the purpose of tabulating the information I have available I have divided the period into two.

First Period. 1855-1867

A postal rates agreement was reached with France on September 1, 1854, allowing the use of stamps on letters to France and Algeria from February 21, 1855, and two weeks later this was extended to include Corsica. Single weight postage was fixed at $6\frac{1}{2}$ stamps or 26 skilling.

From April 25, 1855, stamps could be used on letters to Denmark and letters in transit through the Danish Post Offices in Germany. The rates agreed were as follows:

Danish States, Hamburg, Lubeck	4 stamps (=16 skilling)
Prussia	6 stamps (=24 skilling)
Great Britain and Ireland	9 stamps (=36 skilling)
U. S. A.	$9\frac{3}{4}$ stamps (=39 skilling)

On July 1, 1855, stamps could be used on letters to Sweden. The agreed rate was 2 stamps (=8 skilling).

The decision to make rates which were not divisible by 4 (the only stamp available was the 4 skilling) must have caused great difficulty. The 4 and 8 skilling stamps were issued in December 1856, the 2 skilling in March 1857, following came the 3 skilling in June 1857. As the mail to France at this time must have been fairly heavy, due to the importing of wine and the exporting of fish, it would be surprising if regular writers did not realize that the use of half a stamp would give a saving of 2 skilling per letter. It per-

haps explains the issue of a postal circular on March 20, 1858, prohibiting the halving of the 4 and 8 skilling stamps, and their use for half their value. In view of the heavy rates, it is surprising that the 24 skilling stamp was not issued until 1863, and even then could not have been issued to many small and medium sized offices, as so often other values are seen making up rates in excess of 24 skilling.

The table which follows is made up as the result of an examination of 121 covers from this period. There are too few examples from Belgium, China, Finland, Latvia, Russia, and Switzerland, to enable us to form any conclusion, but the examination of the covers to the other seven countries will give us some information.

Table I: 1855-1867

NOTE: Rates in skilling. Brackets under a rate indicate the number of covers at that rate.

Country	1855	1856	1857	1858	1859	1860	1861	1862	1863	1864	1865	1866	1867
Belgium					33								
China								28					
Denmark	16		16	16	15	12		15 24	12		5 12		16 (2)
Finland				26									
France				26 52		26 (2) 52	26 (2)	26 (2) 78	26	52		23 26	23 (3) 26
Germany	16 20 24	16 (2)	16 24	21 16	16 21		24	16 (3) 20 32	20 (2) 22	18		16 (2)	
Holland			28	33 (2)	30 (3)	30 (7) 32 33	14 30 (3)	30 (2) 32			14 19		19 (2)
Latvia						34							
Russia							32						
Spain			34	26 34			26		26 33	32			
Switzerland							30						
Sweden		8						6 8					
United Kingdom			14 (2) 35	32 35 (4) 38	14 (3) 35 (3)	14 (3)	35 37	14 37 72	32		32		18

DENMARK. It appears that there might have been some reduction in or about 1859 as the two 16 skilling rates in 1867 were for registered letters. It is possible that from this date three rates were in use: 5 skilling, 12 skilling, and 15 skilling. More information might give the answer to this problem.

FRANCE. This appears to be the most consistent rate, since all the frankings are 26 skilling or multiple rates. It appears fairly certain that the single letter rate to France was 26 skilling. The 23 skilling frankings were in late 1866 and early 1867, and a reduction of the rate at that time might be a possibility.

GERMANY. Of the 23 covers to Germany, 12 confirm the 16 skilling rate to Hamburg, three the twenty-four skilling rate to Prussia. The remaining eight, however, pose some problems. These are:

18 Skilling franking	1864	Drammen-Holstein
20 Skilling franking	1855	Frederiksvaern-Hanover
	1862	Aalesund-Hamburg
	1863	Svinesund-Hamburg
	1863	Bergen-Hamburg

The last two covers are double ones. This perhaps suggests a reduction in rates in 1863.

21 Skilling franking	1858	Drammen-Hamburg
	1859	Christiania-Hamburg
22 Skilling franking	1863	Bergen-Bremen

More information might well help to solve some of the problems here.

HOLLAND & SPAIN. There seems to be little definite that can be deduced from this very mixed lot of rates. No definite pattern or route method can be clearly established.

UNITED KINGDOM. One of the greatest mysteries. The twenty-six covers bear seven frankings: 14 skilling (9), 18 skilling (1), 32 skilling (3), 35 skilling (9), 37 skilling (2), 38 skilling (1), 72 skilling (1). All the nine covers bearing a 14 skilling franking came to the United Kingdom via Hull. It is perhaps safe to presume that this was the single letter rate from Norway to the U. K. via Hull. All the other covers followed the route via Hamburg and London. Not one cover bears the 36 skilling rate agreed in 1855.

Second Period 1868-1876

Two changes of rate took place in the years 1868 and 1871. The list which I have obtained gives the following foreign rates:

Sweden: 6 skilling

Denmark: 6 skilling

North German Federation, Baden, Bayern, Wurtemberg, and Austria: 10 skilling

France and Algeria: 15 skilling

Holland: 17 skilling

Spain: 20 skilling

Switzerland, Greece, Portugal via France: 22 skilling

These seven groups were reduced in 1868. In 1870 the following reductions were made:

Italy: 14 skilling

Turkey: 15 skilling

England: 17 skilling

U. S. A. via Hamburg: 18 skilling

U. S. A. via Prussia: 23 skilling

Many English and French Colonies and overseas territories: 27 skilling

South America and Australia: 32 skilling

In 1871 many other reductions were made. These were:

Sweden: From 6 to 4 skilling

Denmark: From 6 to 5 skilling

Holland: From 17 to 12 skilling

Spain: From 20 to 19 skilling

Italy: From 14 to 12 skilling

Turkey: From 15 to 14 skilling

United Kingdom: From 17 to 12 skilling

U. S. A. via Hamburg: From 18 to 14 skilling

U. S. A. via Prussia: From 23 to 14 skilling

Examination of 71 covers from the period 1868-1874 produced the following result:

Table II: 1868-1874

Country	1868	1869	1870	1871	1872	1873	1874
Austria						7	
Denmark	8	5		5 10	5 (2)	5 (2)	
France	15 (3)	15 (4) 30 41	15 (6)	15 (4) 30	15 (2)	20	
Germany		10	8 (2)	8 (2)	8	7	
Holland		10 (2) 20	10 (2)	10 (3) 20	10		
Italy	14						10
Sweden	5 8				4	4	
Switzerland				11			
U. S. A.	16		16				
U. K.	17 (4) 22	17		12 (3)		11 (2) 12 17	

Comparison of this table with the rates listed above shows far fewer problems than with table I.

DENMARK. The frankings agree with the table with the exception of the 8 skilling franking of 1868.

FRANCE. The frankings agree with the table with the exception of two covers. The cover with the 41 skilling franking in 1869 bears a full set, and may be pilatelic even at this early date. The 20 sk franking of 1873 does not fit in.

GERMANY. It appears that the rate in 1870 dropped to 8 skilling, though this country is not included in the list.

HOLLAND. The frankings here do not compare, and more information is needed.

ITALY, SWEDEN, SWITZERLAND, U. S. A. Too little information is available for these four countries.

UNITED KINGDOM. The 17 and 12 skilling frankings agree with the tables. The three frankings in 1873 need explanation, as does the 22 skilling franking of 1868.

Conclusion

Now that all the facts I have gathered are listed, I feel that I pose more questions than I answer. I hope that as a result of this rough attempt, we will be able to answer many of the remaining problems. I would be most grateful if anyone who has covers which help to fill in any gaps would provide me with full details. I also acknowledge with grateful thanks the help given me by Captain Jahr of Dumfries, with translations from the Norwegian, and Victor E. Engstrom, Carl M. Werenskiold, and Svend Yort, all of U. S. A., who supplied me with details of many covers, and to all those who sent me details as a result of my earlier appeal in the philatelic press.

(Editor's note: We consider this work an important step forward in solving the postage rate problems of yesteryear, and urge all our readers to render assistance to the author. Victor E. Engstrom (132 Haddon Place, Upper Montclair, N. J. 07043) will serve as "clearing house" and will be compiling a list of known covers, later to be submitted to the author. If any of you should possess Norwegian covers postmarked between 1855 and 1876, please send the following data to Vic:

(1) City or place of origin, (2) date of cancellation, (3) place and country of destination, (4) route markings, (5) amount of postage and exactly what stamps, (6) and if the cover is marked PP or PD. Your answers are urgently solicited, and will be kept completely confidential. Your cooperation is appreciated.)

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Equipment and supplies ----	68.15	Net Surplus -----	153.87
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The SPLS looks forward to 1969 with confidence in its mission to serve all Scandinavian-interested collectors. In so doing, it is fully expected to repay SCC's "loan" and in time contribute a regular and healthy profit which in turn will benefit all members in more and spectacular enterprises.

R. Norby, SPLS Mgr.

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SOJEX 1969

The first big stamp exhibition—and get-together of SCC—will be SOJEX 1969, the annual affair which takes place in Atlantic City, N. J.

This year, the dates are April 25, 26, 27 and the place is the Traymore Hotel, Boardwalk and Illinois Avenue.

Chapter 8 (South Jersey) is one of the clubs of the sponsoring group, and from past experiences, we know that we will have a grand time. The SCC Regional Meeting is hosted by Chapter 8, and will take place at 2 p.m. on Sunday (April 27).

There will be a separate Scandinavian section in the competitive exhibition, this time expected to reach 400 frames. As usual, SCC will offer a trophy for the best entry of Scandinavian material, and Chapter 8 will also give an award for the best single frame of Scandinavian material.

We urge all members to take part—both in the way of exhibits and in attending the event, especially the SCC Regional Meeting.

The prospectus is available from Mr. and Mrs. John Ludwick, 61 Pressey Street, Hammonton, N. J. 08037. We are also advised that because of other conventions and meetings in Atlantic City at that time, hotel reservations should be made early.

So—start now by requesting the prospectus—fill it in and return it as soon as possible, so that our participation at SOJEX will be large and impressive. And don't forget to reserve hotel accommodations!

President's Message (from page 1)

arranged for a greatly expanded S. C. C. exhibition—over twice our usual space. In addition to the annual meeting, there will be other, informal entertainment, with the Chicago chapter as hosts, and from past experience we know it will be excellent. Now it is up to the membership at large to make this first convention a success by their attendance and participation. An entry form for the exhibition is included in this issue—use it, and plan now to attend the meeting! This is one you won't want to miss!

In the meantime, just one month before COMPEX, there will be a regional meeting at SOJEX in Atlantic City, on April 25 to 27, with the South Jersey chapter as host. This is also an annual affair that has always been good fun. Let's make this a success too: come to both if you can, but if you can't come to COMPEX, come to SOJEX!

Lastly, I want to thank the retiring officers, **Herbert Bernstein, Robert P. Stevens, and Mrs. Helen Rocco**, and welcome their replacements, **Victor E. Engstrom, Vice-President, Robert W. Lang, Treasurer, and Roger Swanson, Director**. I am sure they, as well as your other officers, will work together for continued growth and improvement in the S. C. C.!

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COMPEX 1969

Site of SCC's First National Convention

As far as SCC is concerned, this year's COMPEX will be the most important yet! When COMPEX 1969 opens its doors at the LaSalle Hotel in Chicago on May 30, SCC will "take over." This year, the feature of this giant affair is Scandinavia—and SCC.

The show directory will feature articles on Scandinavian philately; the number of frames devoted to SCC have been doubled; Chapter 4 (our host) will arrange the first national convention of SCC; and there will be other SCC events, including the banquet, at which we hope that the Scandinavia-exhibits will dominate the award harvest!

But it won't be much unless we all participate—by entering our exhibits, and by attending the meetings and other functions. A detailed prospectus follows on the next four pages, and we urge everyone to use the entry form—and really show them "out there" that SCC is a society of members from all over, not just the "East," not just the "Middle West" or the "West Coast," or the "South." And we can do it!

First order of business: Decide to take part by exhibiting one or more frames of your best material, and send your entry form in good time before the dead-line. Secondly: Decide to attend the event in person, and bring your family along. Make it a Chicago-vacation this year!

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PROSPECTUS

COMPEX '69 will be held May 30, 31 and June 1, 1969 at the LaSalle Hotel, Chicago, Illinois. Hours for the show will be: Friday, May 30 and Saturday May 31, 10:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.; Sunday, June 1, 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

The SCC section of the show will be open competition with awards of gold, silver and bronze to be awarded at the discretion of the judges.

The United States will establish a COMPEX '69 postal station and the United Nations a stamp sales office at the LaSalle Hotel to serve collectors. The U. S. postal stations will sell current commemoratives and provide the official COMPEX '69 cancellation. The United Nations will offer current stamps for sale.

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Support the S. C. C. by getting your friends to join

AWARDS BANQUET

The Awards Banquet will be held Saturday, May 31, at the LaSalle Hotel. At that time the Grand Award winner of the Exhibition will be announced. See registration form for tickets.

CACHET

COMPEX '69 cacheted covers will be available fully serviced on mail order or at the exhibition. The price of the cacheted covers will be 25c each or 3 for 65c.

DIRECTORY

The exhibition directory will contain several articles of interest and lasting value to collectors of Scandinavian philatelic material. The directory will be available at the exhibition or by mail. Watch philatelic weeklies for details.

BOURSE

The bourse will consist of 40 tables and will be open during exhibition hours.

Rules and Regulations

1. This exhibition, the SCC section of COMPEX '69, is open to any collector of Scandinavian stamps or covers regardless of society affiliation.

All material exhibited in competition must be the property of the exhibitor.

2. The committee reserves the right to reject any exhibit in part or whole.

3. The frame size is 24 inches wide by 36 inches high arranged in 3 horizontal divisions, each 12 inches high. Each frame will hold 9 pages 8.5x11 inches width overlap, or 6 larger pages.

4. Exhibits are limited to 10 frames. The fee of \$3.00 for the first frame and \$2.00 for each additional frame used by each exhibitor must be received with the signed entry form. If more than one exhibit is entered, exhibitor must fill out a separate form for each exhibit.

5. The Exhibition Committee reserves the right to refrain from giving any reason when rejecting an exhibit. Fees received for entries not accepted will be returned.

6. Decisions of the judges with regard to awards shall be final.

7. Entry forms with fee must be addressed to: Benjamin H. Cohen, 11 South LaSalle Street, Suite 933, Chicago, Illinois 60603, to arrive no later than April 5, 1969.

8. Exhibitors will be notified by mail at an appropriate time if their entry is acceptable. If it is accepted they will be advised of the address to which their exhibits should be forwarded for safe-keeping, and the period of time within which exhibits will be received. Exhibitors who wish to bring their exhibits or have them personally delivered should so indicate on the entry form and must receive written approval from Benjamin H. Cohen.

9. Exhibits will be returned at the expense of the owner, as soon as possible after the close of the exhibition, in the manner designated by the owner if pre-payment is enclosed. Unless other instructions are given, they will be returned by REA Express, collect charges and insured for \$100.00. The Committee recommends the inclusion of return postage as the most economical.

10. SCC intends to provide limited insurance above that carried by the owner for each exhibit during the period the exhibit is in the possession of the SCC. Although all reasonable care will be taken of the exhibits, no liability will be attached to the SCC or COMPEX '69, nor to any of their members, voluntary assistants or employees, for any loss or damage to an exhibit arising from any cause or reason whatsoever. It is suggested that each exhibitor provide his own insurance.

11. All exhibits will be mounted and dismounted by members of the Exhibition Committee or its authorized assistants. No exhibit may be dismounted before the closing time of the exhibition on Sunday, June 1, at 6:00 p.m.

12. The decision of the Exhibition Committee on all questions that may arise concerning the Exhibit shall be final.

13. References to "SCC" include the Scandinavian Collectors Club and/or Chicago Chapter No. 4 of the SCC as the context admits or requires.

14. THE SIGNATURE OF AN EXHIBITOR ON THE ENTRY FORM SHALL INDICATE ACCEPTANCE OF THESE RULES AND REGULATIONS.

SCC at COMPEX '69 ENTRY FORM

BENJAMIN H. COHEN

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Signature -----

Print Name -----

Address -----

City, State, Zip -----

Received

Deposited

Accepted

Exhibit No.

Returned

Frame Nos.

May your name be printed in the exhibition listing and used in publicity releases? -----

The Stamps of Denmark

(A sampler)

by Preben K. Johnston (563)

(Ed's note: The following is a written version of the talk which Chapter 2 President Preben K. Johnston delivered at the SCC Meeting at SEPAD last October, and also at Chapter 12's Christmas Party. We realize that in order to fully enjoy this talk, you should really hear Preben and see his material, but in spite of this, we hope that you will benefit from Preben's "visit.")

I. INTRODUCTION

Denmark has everything to offer the stamp collector. While I must confess that my interest in the stamps of Denmark stems from an accident of birth, I am quite certain that any objective review from the philatelic standpoint would lead to the same conclusion.

Denmark offers everything in collecting interests, to please anyone from the novice to the nth-degree specialist, even though she issues stamps primarily for postal purposes. As with the other Scandinavian countries, stamp-issuing practices have been rather conservative, as can be seen in the following chart.

	Population	Stamps issued (a)	Population per stamp
Denmark	4,797,000	10	480,000
Sweden	7,847,000	17	462,000
Finland	4,650,000	16	291,000
Median (b)	7,847,000	25	227,000
Norway	3,753,000	18	208,000
Iceland	197,000	10	19,700
Greenland	41,000	4	10,000

(a) Yearly average 1962-1966

(b) Total list of 37 European jurisdictions

II. RELATED JURISDICTIONS

It may be of interest to consider briefly just what is meant by "Denmark" from a philatelic standpoint. So let us look at those countries or jurisdictions which now have, or in the past have had, close relations with our subject.

The most obvious one is the Danish West Indies. This was colonized by the Danes beginning in 1650 and, after a period as a monopoly of the Danish West Indies Company, was declared a colony by the Danish government in 1754. In 1917 the United States of America bought it for \$25 million and renamed it the Virgin Islands. It has great interest to Denmark collectors as well as collectors of USA stamps (Scott lists it in Vol. I with the USA as well as in Vol. II). It may be mentioned that a sideline is the collecting of stamps and covers of other countries canceled in the DWI; for example, British stamps with "St. Thomas" (or "C 51" numeral) cancellation.

Next, there is Iceland. This is obviously a close relation of Denmark, since portraits of Danish kings can be seen on stamps of Iceland from 1902 on. The chronology is that Iceland had been under Danish sovereignty from 1380. The Danish postal laws were made applicable to Iceland from March 1, 1870, with the then current Danish stamps (of the 1864 and 1872 issues) being used. Danish numeral cancellations 236 and 237 were assigned to the post offices established at Reykjavik and Seidisfjord. On January 1, 1873

Iceland got its own postal service and its own stamps. A separate constitution, giving some independence to Iceland in internal affairs, was granted in 1874, and by the treaty of December 1, 1918, Iceland became an independent state, but with King Christian X (of Denmark) also the King of Iceland. The treaty was permitted to expire in 1944 when Denmark was under German occupation, and Iceland declared itself an independent republic. It may be of interest to note that in 1948 the Icelandic falcon was dropped from the large coat of arms of Denmark.

Another place of interest is Slesvig, which is the southern part of the Jutland peninsula. This is often referred to in Denmark as South Jutland (Sønderjylland). The political history of Slesvig has been, to say the least, changeable (as is the case with so many border areas). The last change resulted from the plebiscite of 1920 when the central part of Slesvig became German (and is now part of the German Land of Schleswig-Holstein), and the northern part voted to join Denmark and is now an integral part of that country. By the way, some of the 1920 stamps can still be bought at the Danish Philatelic Agency in Copenhagen.

The Faroe Islands in the North Atlantic became Danish (as did Iceland) when Norway came under the sovereignty of the king of Denmark in 1380, and have remained under Danish rule to the present. Under the Home Rule Act of 1948, they are entitled to fly their own flag. The Faroes have never had their own stamps. However, among the early Danish numeral cancellations, 238 and 284 (Thorshavn and Trangisvaag) were assigned to the Islands. There have also been some provisional issues such as the locally overprinted stamps of 1919 and those surcharged in 1942 during the British occupation. Of course, Danish postal matters with Faroese cancellations are of great interest to some collectors.

Greenland had been a Danish colony since 1721, with Danish sovereignty claimed over the entire island only from 1921, however. Since 1953 Greenland has been an integral part of Denmark (i.e., no longer a colony), but special stamps for Greenland are still issued. The first Greenland stamps were the 1905 Pakkeporto (parcel) stamps, with regular stamps first issued in 1938.

RELATED JURISDICTIONS—ILLUSTRATIONS

Jurisdiction	Year	Description	CANCELS	(Scott Nos.)
Danish West Indies	1816	Stampless cover	St. Croix to Wiscosset, Maine	
---	1866	Mint block showing marginal watermark	Red SHIP and PROVIDENCE, R. I.	
---	1871	Front with red ST. THOMAS and LONDON to Hamburg; also black 'C51'		(2)
---	1915-6	Cover dated CHRISTIANSTED 25 Jan 1917 full set Christian X		(51-8)
---	1917	Cover dated Sep 17, 1917 with mixed franking US & DWI (valid to 9/29)		(DWI 9; US 462)
Iceland	1908	Letter card 10 Aur Chr. IX with stamps 4 & 6 aur; (falcon on card); to Germany		(78 & 80)
Slesvig-Holstein	1854-7	Various number cancels on Danish stamps		(3-6)
Slesvig (II Zone)	1920	Plebiscite issue mint---also CIS 75 pf.		(1-14;010)
---		Set used---also card to Duisburg		(1-14)
---		Sets mint and used		(15-28)
---		Cards with mixed franking		

Jurisdiction	Year	Description	CANCELS	(Scott Nos.)
Faroe Islands	1919	Marginal mint stamp	also cover	(155)
---	1940-1	Provisional set mint		(272A-6)
--- cancels	1941	20 øre on 1 øre	3 singles	also censored
		First Day Cover (marginal pair)		
		THORSHAVN to Denver, Col.	2.5.41	(272A)
--- regulars	1944	Registered censored cover		
		THORSHAVN to CHICAGO		(block 289)
--- flag	1948	Faroese flag (under new home rule)		
Greenland	1905-38	PAKKE-PORTO parcel stamps		

III. REFERENCE SOURCES

A brief not about reference sources. There are, of course, the general catalogs, both American and European. Of special interest to Denmark collectors are the **Facit** catalog (published in Stockholm, Sweden), and the **AFA** catalog (published in Aarhus, Denmark); and also the **AFA Denmark Specialized**. There are also handbooks available on every conceivable subject and specialty, and magazines such as our own **The Posthorn** and the **Scandinavian Scribe**.

IV. DENMARK

Now to Denmark proper and some stamps. In the following, I shall attempt to convey an idea of the broad spectrum of Danish philately, describing selected pages from my collection to show the many types of stamps and other postal matters that one can collect, either generally or as specializations.

The subject could be approached in many different ways. Since any given stamp may be representative of several different aspects of philately, I shall proceed by describing the selected pages generally in chronological order within type of usage, and pointing out the various parts of philately covered by the stamps. The year shown is the year of the sample, but if preceded by an asterisk is also the year of introduction of the type.

THE STAMPS OF DENMARK—SAMPLES

Type	Year	Description	CANCEL	(Scott Nos.)
Stampless cover	1740	Cover Copenhagen-Hamburg-Bordeaux	(guess who)	
--- Handstamps	1844	Cover HELSINGOER-HAMBURG-TTR4-BORDEAUX		
---	1851	April 1 cover RIBE to Kjøbenhavn		
Watermarks	* 1851ff	Samples (2; 7; 41; 97; 220)	including mint inverts (27; 73; block of 44a)	
First issue	* 1851	4 RBS: 5 singles	2 pairs	
---Definitive; hand-made paper; watermarked; engraved burelage (on first printing only); typographed; private printer (to 1935); numeral cancels				
Essays	1852	Ferslew's Mercury (pair) and two Frederik VIII (the last questionable, one with "cancel")		
Clock cancel (Copenhagen)	1854	Stampless cover KJØBENHAVN-HAMBURG-PARIS-BORDEAUX		
Offices in Germany	1858	Page incl. '2' (Hamburg) & '113' (Altona)		(7; 3)
--- KDOPA HAMBURG cancel	1861	Cover to Gluckstadt (Hamburg office opened 1651)		

Jurisdiction	Year	Description	CANCELS	(Scott Nos.)
Blue cancel	1860	Cover: Blue VIBORG to Kjøbenhavn		(7)
Railroad cancel	1862	Cover GLOSTRUP-KBHV.J.B.PST.CON-HORSENS		(7)
Combination cancel	1862	Cover SJ.JB.P.SP.B. and '34'		(7)
Machine-made paper		5th printing only---new watermark		(7)
	* 1862			
Rouletted	* 1863) 4 sk. (six singles and block) & 16 sk.		(9-10)
Foreign cancel) MALMO (Sweden) cancel on 16 sk.		
Posthorn cancel ca.	1863	Cover BOGENSE to Odense		(9)
Perforated;				
trimmed	* 1864-8	Sets: Regular; trimmed; 1885 reprints		(11-15)
Plate varieties		Stamps of 2, 3, 4, and 16 sk.		(11-15)
Foot post				
(Copenhagen)	1867	Cover with oval FP and '---FODP' cds		(11)
Embossed envelope				
	* 1865	Aalborg ('4') to Kjøbenhavn	(Ringström 2)	
Postal card	* 1871	2 sk. numeral '1' and oval F---P	(Ringström 1)	
Bi-colored	* 1870-1	Both perforations used (less 2 sk.)		(16-24)
Inverted frames	1875-9	Used set (less 5 øre)		(25-34)
"Doble invertido"	1875	Ha! Both center and frame inverted (From a famous Spanish collection)		(28)
Official stamps	* 1871	Both perfs.; and pair of 2 sk.		(O1-5)
--- on cover	ca. 1871	4 sk. KALLUNDBORG to ROESKILDE		(O2)
Newspaper wrapper	* 1872		(Ringström 4)	
---	1887	5 øre coat of arms+5 øre stamp	and (38)	
Reprints	* 1885	4 sk. block and 8 sk. strip of 6		(7-8)
---	1885	2, 4, 16 sk. in blocks		(O1-3)
Reprint of essay	* 1885	Alfred Buntzen's 1852 essay		
"Reprint"				
(imitation)	1885	Altered 'Buntzen' catalogued as reprint		(1)
Cut-outs (from				
post cards)	1891	Cover to Germany with two 10 øre coat of arms		
Overprinted values		4/8 øre; 15/24 øre with varieties; (also 1912		
("provisionals")	* 1904	large crown watermark)		(55-56)
Ship cancellation	1905	Correspondence card 5/4 øre with (Ringstrom 13)		
--- Correspondence card		15/24 øre stamp ASSENS to BERLIN		(56,
First portraits	* 1904-6	Christian IX set mint		(65-71)
--- first engraving				
Proof		5 ØRE (pair), but first engraving with		
		10 øre for comparison		(65; 70P)
Plate numbers		Blocks 27/1 øre; 27/7 øre---Nos. 45 & 62		
(began 1905)	1918			(145; 147)
Newspaper stamps				
	* 1907	First set mint		(P 1-10)
Soldiers' stationery				
	* 1914	5 øre card and 10 øre correspondence card		
---	1914-5	---same---used		
Soldiers' stamps	* 1917	5 and 10 øre mint and used		(M1-2)
Postal ferry stamps				
	* 1919-30	Sets mint		(Q1-14)

Jurisdiction	Year	Description	CANCELS	(Scott Nos.)
Overprint error	* 1919	Pair 15 øre mint	---one with POSFFAERGE	(Q4a)
Coils se-tenant	* 1919-22	For vending machines	—7+3 ø; 20+5 ø	(87-98; 104-89)
Commemorative (current)	* 1920-1	Reunion of South Jutland	—used sets	(156-60)
Postage due overprint	* 1921	First set	---used---with block of SF	(J1-7)
Postage dues	* 1921-30	Used sets		(J9-24)
Semi-postals overprints	* 1921	Red Cross issue	mint	(B1-2)
Fee stamps	* 1923-34	1923 overprint; 1926-34	regular---mint	(I1-5)
Commemorative (past)	* 1924	Se-tenant mint blocks; proof	pair 10 øre	(165-74)
AIR POST:				
Early flight card	* 1911	“Rob Svendsen” autograph	—FREDERICIA	2.9.11
Private airmail	1919	Mint 5 Kr.	København-Skagen	
First flight	1920	Cover	LONDON 18 SEP 20-KØBENHAVN	
First airmail stamps	* 1925-9	Mint set		(C1-5)
Air and ship	1929	Cover	KØBENHAVN-London by air; London-NEW YORK by S. S. MAURETANIA	(C4-5)
Charity airmail	1925	NAESTVED-KASTRUP-København	cover (San. 6) also souvenir block of four mint	
Commemorative air	1930	Robert Svendsen 5 Kr. on 10 øre	postcard (San. 7) with regular 15 øre airmail stamp	(C2)
Zeppelin flight	1932	Cover	9th South America trip	(Sieger 195B)
Last airmail stamps	1934	Mint set		(C6-10)
Regular stamps as airmail	1947	Air post stamps withdrawn	March 31, 1940	(B14 etc.)
Aerogram	* 1949	Used Nr. 1 and Nr. 1 with 10 ø	stamp	(Ringström 1)
REGULAR, ETC.:				
Advertising booklets	* 1927	Mint block of six Hafnaand Danske	Phønix with 5 ø	
--- used pane	1931	Galle & Jessen pane used	(also two mint panes)	
Semi-postal --- booklet	* 1929	Cancer fund mint and used sets		(B3-5)
Booklet plate nr.	1965	5 Kroner booklet (pane of 5 ø	with ‘1929’	
Tete-beche	(* 1934	5 øre gutter pair	---mint and used	(223b)
	(1935	H. C. Andersen pairs	---5-10-15 øre	(246a etc.)
Se-tenant panes	* 1937	Dybbøl Mølle mint set		(223d ff)
Se-tenant overprints	* 1938	DFU stamp exhibition	---block and cover	(262)
--- private	1938	Mint block (Gentofte) ‘V. F. Udstilling’		(221 var.)
	1940	Cover with block of AAFF (Aalholm)		(224C var.)
First Day Cover	* 1941	Vitus Bering	---2 covers HORSENS; KØBENHAVN	(277-8)

Jurisdiction	Year	Description	CANCELS	(Scott Nos.)
Private souvenir sheet	1951	Sheet showing 2 and 4 RBS imitations; also cover and mint stamps of jubilee		(330-1)
Omnibus issue	* 1956	Scandinavian---the Nordic swans mint		(361-2)
---	1960	Europa---two covers		(379)
---	1967	with Greenland---wedding---collateral coin		(436; 62)
Luminescence	* 1962	Mint block of 10 øre 'LO46'--- (also non-luminescent block '1980')		(318L) (318)
Locals	* 1880-3	Copenhagen locals used (various)		
Local stationery	* 1885	Kjøbenhavns Bypost 2 ØRE FRANKO envelopes, used and unused		
Canceled at destination	1904	Pair 5 øre on cover 'Fra Rønne'		(43)
--- (from Sweden)	1914	Pair 5 øre Swedish on card 'Fra Sverige'		(77)
Numeral cancels on foreign stamps	1864	'2' on Hamburg stamps		(9; 9d; 12)
---	1858	'1' on Swedish stamp		(10)
---	1868	'1' on cover Stettin-Copenhagen		(4)
Occupation censorship	1943	Copenhagen cover 'Geöffnet'		(238D)
Slogan cancellations (began 1924)	1950	'V4 HUSK MAJ-DAGEN' on piece		(310)
Meter postage	1949	Cover KØBENHAVN-PHILADELPHIA 'REJS MED D. F. D. S.'		
Printed frank	1968	Postcard from Postens Filатели		
Perfins	1912ff	Various (NESA, DFDS, LL, FDB, etc.)		(35; B1 etc.)
Forgeries		16 sk. blue! and 8 sk. green 'used'		(6 & 8)
UPU presentation booklet	1947	Timbres-Poste Danois 1939-1947		(9-11 etc.)
Revenue stamps	* 1862	Five of first issue---used		
Railway stamps (DSB)		Various values used		
DSB cancel on regulars	1875 ?	. ENTOFTE on 3 øre bi-colored		(25)
---	1895	GADSTRUP on pair of 5 øres		(43)
Foreign issues	* 1923	Set mint Colombia consular stamps 'D'		
Thematic— Red Cross	1914	Cover SOLIGALIN (Russia)-KJØBENHAVN (stampless)		
---—Judaica	1918	Cover Palestine to Copenhagen (3 stamps)		
Foreign ship mail	1854	Cover Sydney-Marseille-Copenhagen		(NSW 17)
Christmas souvenir sheet	1953	Caritas jubilee sheet		

V. CHRISTMAS SEALS

While Christmas seals are important in the USA, now raising for charity about \$27 million annually and while their use has been adopted around the world, they had their beginning in Denmark as the brainchild of a Danish postal employee by the name of Einar Hollbøl. They were first issued in Denmark, Iceland, and Sweden in 1904, and were first used in this country in 1907.

If you have ever driven around the Belt Parkway on the way to Kennedy

International Airport in New York, you may have noticed a "Riis Park." This was named after Jacob Riis, a Danish-born journalist and social reformer famous in his day. He had seen Christmas seals on his mail from Denmark and related this to a friend, Emily P. Bissell of Wilmington, Delaware. This lady, being responsible for raising money for the Delaware chapter of the American Red Cross, had the first Christmas seals in the USA issued in 1907.

Back to Danish Christmas seals. I have a sentimental interest in them, having been their beneficiary through two stays of three months each at Lindersvold, the home pictured on the 1934 Christmas seal.

An interesting development has been the creation of a sheet with an overall motif, as begun in 1952 and continued in subsequent years.

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