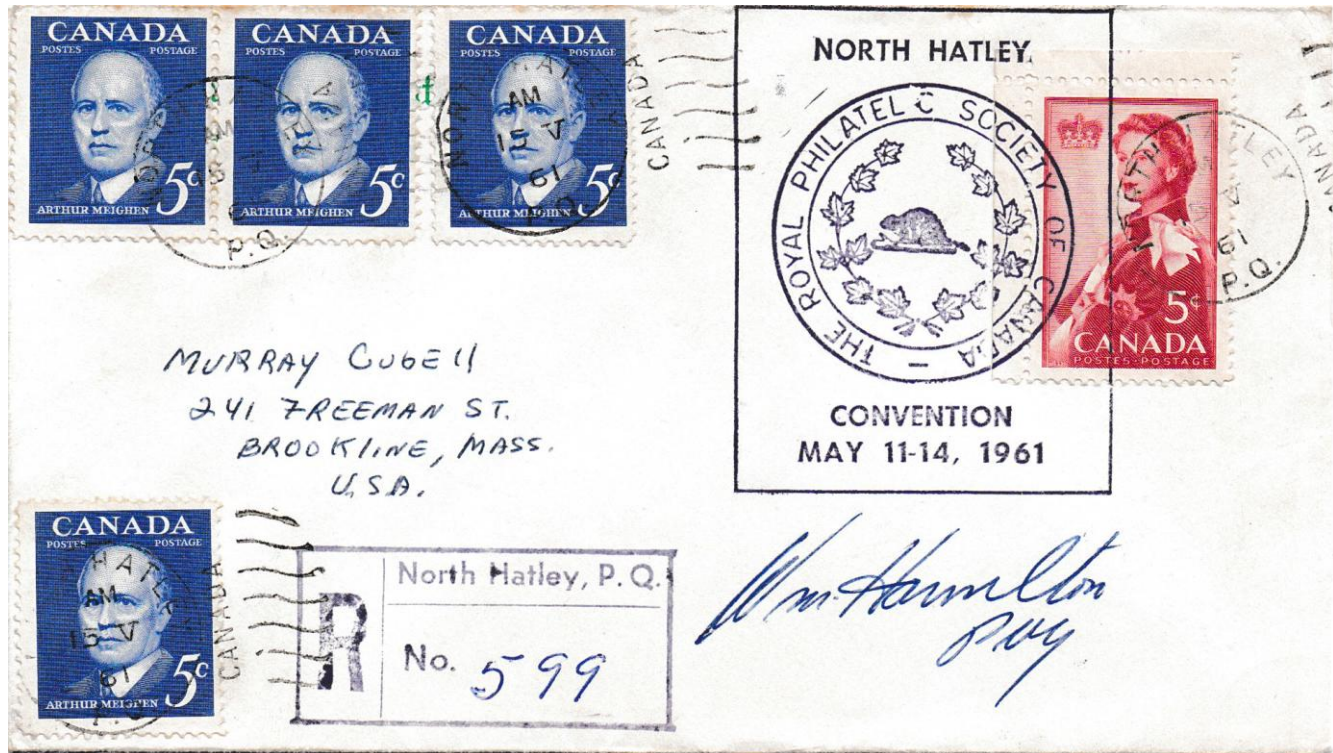


Just a Cover?

Every cover that passes through a collector's hands should be carefully examined. While a stamp collector relentlessly searches for stamps to add to the collection the cover can be much more valuable.



This cover has the following features:

1. The Arthur Meighen 5 cent stamp was issued April 19, 1961 and was the most recently issued stamp at the time. There were no new issues in May 1961.
2. The Royal Philatelic Society of Canada's annual convention started May 12th and that is the cancel date.
3. North Hatley is the smallest community to host the national stamp exhibition.
4. The signature 'Wm. Hamilton' PMG (for Post Master General) is far more than that. The Hon. William Hamilton, M.P., Postmaster General of Canada is far more accurate proving he was an attendee.
5. The cachet was applied using a rubber stamp and ink pad. The same process was used to create a label (quite rare) to be affixed to covers (the missing 'l' in philatelic easily identifies this rubber stamp).
6. It is a registered letter to Boston hence the fees paid of 25 cents. R599 is a chronological number for the North Hatley P.O. control numbers for registered letters.
7. The back-stamp notes receipt in Boston.
8. All of the stamps have a very nice circular cancel making these very attractive for a collection but what a shame removing them and losing the cover and the little piece of philatelic history.

