



Dr. Joseph Schatzkes to Receive 1974 A. F. Lichtenstein Memorial Award

The Alfred F. Lichtenstein Memorial Award for Distinguished Service to Philately was established in 1952. Since that time it has become one of the most illustrious of all awards that can be bestowed in the realm of serious philately.

Each year, previous award winners of this coveted medal gather to chose a new and worthy recipient for this signal honor. Their nomination is presented to the Board of Governors of the club, then voted upon by that body for final approval.

At the December 1974 meeting of the Board a truly distinguished philatelist of world-wide renown received the unanimous votes of the Lichtenstein Award Committee and of the Governors to become the winner of the 1974 award. He is Dr. Joseph Schatzkes of Neuilly, France.

A profound student with a deep knowledge of the many facets of philately, Dr. Schatzkes has earned many tributes for his research and study in the classical field, as well as for his superb collections which have been honored with top awards by juries at international exhibitions the world over.

Dr. Schatzkes, who is seventy-seven

years young, possesses a keen intelligence and an enquiring mind that has added much to our knowledge of the classic stamps of many lands. His contributions to philatelic lore through his magnificent study, "The Cancellations of Mexico, 1856-74," alone would keep his name alive wherever philatelic scholars gather. Based on the work of the old pioneers, it contains many of Dr. Schatzkes' own and hitherto unpublished discoveries, the result of long and ardent research. The work has been published in four languages and is a book eagerly persued by students of Mexican philately everywhere.

Dr. Schatzkes' Mexican studies are only part of what he has accomplished in the many years he has devoted to the field of philately. Unlike most other specialists, he collects and studies the stamps of other countries, sharing the result of his erudition with his fellow enthusiasts. Among his many collections in depth are those of France, French Colonies—the General Issues, Argentina, Brazil and Peru.

Acclaimed by philatelists in many countries, he has achieved many high honors in the philatelic world. He was chosen in 1963, to sign the Roll of

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possibility is considered somewhat remote, however, because it is unlikely that parcel post stamps would be used on and after that date.

By referring to Post Office Department Order No. 9010 of July 13, 1915, effective September 1, 1915, we may even determine that weight of the parcel to which the tag envelope was attached.⁶ It will be recalled that there was a one-zone difference between the office of origin and the office of delivery. Order No. 9010 established rates of six cents for the first pound and two cents for each additional pound for parcels mailed in the first and second zones. Thus, we may calculate the parcel's weight at eighteen

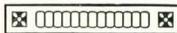
pounds as follows:

1 pound	= 6 cents
17 pounds at 2 cents	= 34 cents
18 pounds	40 cents

The reader will remember the title of this article included the word—"UNUSUAL." Since parcel post stamps are not commonly found on wrappings, the affixing of the two 20-cent parcel post stamps to the tag envelope in lieu of a wrapping — but serving the same purpose — provides us with not only an uncommon item, but an unusual one as well. Hopefully, the parcel was mailed in 1918 and not in 1919.

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Distinguished Philatelists, the highest award conferred by the Philatelic Congress of Great Britain. He is Vice-President of the Académie de Philatélie of Paris. He is President of the Board of the Musée Postal Français also in Paris, and a Corresponding Member of the Académie de Belgique. He is a former President of the Club Philatélique Français.

A man for all seasons, Dr. Schatzkes also has achieved honors outside of philately. A Doctor of Chemistry and a Doctor of National Economy,

he has been made an Officer of the Ordre National de Merité by the French Government.

It is indeed fitting then, that the Alfred F. Lichtenstein Memorial Award for Distinguished Service to Philately should be awarded to this man who has enlightened the dark corners of philatelic research with the light of his discoveries and the depth of his learning, bringing knowledge and pleasure to those who have made use of them.

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