

# Saint-Pierre-et-Miquelon - "The Fox" of 1952

## The first two stamps issued for Air Mail rates.

Saint-Pierre and Miquelon is a small French archipelago of 242Km<sup>2</sup> located in North America, near Newfoundland (Canada). It has issued stamps since 1885.

After the Second World War, Several businessmen on the Islands of Saint-Pierre-and-Miquelon decided to import Silver Foxes to harvest their pelts. Dozens of these animals were imported into the archipelago and the first "Fox Ranches" were created.

In **1952**, the French Overseas Philatelic Bureau, following the advice of local dignitaries, decided to commemorate this unusual enterprise by issuing the first two Air Mail stamps of the Islands.

The purpose of this study : to show the the two values issued on **October 10, 1952**, 8 franc and 17 franc denominations. They were important because they corresponded to the **first St. Pierre and Miquelon values issued for "Air Mail" rates to France and abroad** subsequent to the start of an air link from the Islands.

All of the elements related to this first important Air Mail rate issue, designed and engraved by Pierre Munier, can be and are shown in this specialized « One Frame Exhibit ».

These include artist's drawings, the unique steel die and roll (auctioned in 1999), the artist's proofs including the « bon à tirer » and « bon pour la gravure », the deluxe proofs, the complete sheets, the imperforate stamps, the first day of issue on postcards, and finally very significant covers including one with the Canadian "Paquebot Posted at Sea" cancellation.



*A fox in the arms of the breeder (1950).*



**The unique pieces to date  
are mentioned in red.**



### Plan :

- Pages 2-4: Drawings of the artist
- Page 5: Original steel die and roll
- Page 6: Artist's proof
- Pages 7-8: "Bon à tirer" and  
"Bon pour la gravure" proofs
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**Unique** steel roll which allowed printing on the cylinder as many times as stamps per sheet. **Shown in box outside the frame.**

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## *Award Certificate* *Certificat de participation*

This is to certify that

Ceci certifie que

Jean-Jacques Tillard

has been awarded a

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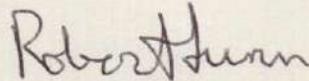
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pour l'exhibit intitulé

**"Saint-Pierre-et-Miquelon, the Fox of 1952, the First Two Stamps  
Issued for Air Mail Rates"**

Chairman of the Jury

Président du jury



Robert Lunn

Ottawa, Canada      April 23, 2022



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## COMPETITION "1 Cadre" (présentoir de 16 feuilles A4)

### Liste des candidats récompensés

**Jean-Jacques Tillard** : Saint-Pierre-et-Miquelon, the Fox of 1952, the first two stamps issued for Air Mail rates. 97 points. **Grand Or + Grand Prix**

**Sam Chiu** : Detained in Hong Kong and the Ones that Got Away. 94 points **Grand Or**

**Bryan Dunne** : Oneglia's BNA Forgeries. 90 points. **Grand Or**

**J. Michael Powell** : The Jacques Cartier Commemorative Issue of 1934. 90 points. **Grand Or**

**Ken Snelson** : Returning UK Undeliverable Parcels. 90 points. **Grand Or**

**David McLaughlin** : Canada: 1933 UPU Preparatory Commission Meeting. 88 points **Or**

**Brian Murphy** : Mail Between, and Via, Canada and Japan, 1873 - 1898. 88 points **Or**

**Ron Smith** : Fredericton : Postal Markings During the Stampless Era. 88 points **Or**

**Doreen Fitzgerald** : Visiting Acadia University Through the Years. 86 points **Or**

**Luc Frève** : The 1972 Earth Sciences Issue. 86 points **Or**

**Douglas Irwin** : Canada's Last Airmail Stamp. 86 points **Or**

**Robert Parsons** : Thomas Cook's Vesuvius Railway. 86 **Or**

**Mike Mather** : Boston Machine Cancels Used in Great Britain 1897 - 1907. 85 points **Or**

**David Bartlet** : Booklet Varieties of the Admiral Issue. 83 points. **Grand vermeil**

**John McEntyre** : 1908 Canada: 1 cent Quebec Tercentenary with my Original Study of Plate Retouches. 83 points. **Grand vermeil**

**Ian Smillie** : Ghana - The Scorpion Provisionals of 1988 - 91. 83 points. **Grand vermeil**

**Chris Hargreaves** : Winnipeg's Airmail: From Fantasy to Buenos Aires. 80 points. **Grand vermeil**

**Alexandra Glashan** : Saint Patrick's Day Postcard Exchange Links Lonely Irish Immigrants in the Early 20th Century. 78 points **Vermeil**

**Kimmo Salonen** : An Introduction to the Gold Yuan Postal Rates of China (November 1948 to April 1949). 74 points. **Grand argent**

**Michael Peach** : The 1971 British Postal Strike. 69 points. **Argent**

**Raymond Villeneuve** : Queen's University at Kingston: A Postal Profile. 69 points. **Argent**

**Tim Aston** : Celebrity Spotting in Chateauvillain. 67 points. **Argent**