

THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Now that the Christmas Season is passed, we will be better able to give our time to our stamp collecting. The newly formed Toronto Air Mail Club is going to stimulate our interest in Air Mail Covers and Stamps, which to date had not been highly developed by the collectors of this locality.

It was with deep regret that we learned of the death of Dr. Lawrence Mason on December 10th. Dr. Mason was the music and dramatic critic of the Globe and Mail. His interest in stamp collecting led him to join the Canadian Philatelic Society Toronto Branch some few years ago and on more than one occasion he addressed the club on philatelic matters. The Society members will miss his friendly smile and cheerful greeting.

The Sales Department and the Library are both active in serving the members of the Society who make use of their membership privileges.

E. S. BALL, President

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COMING EVENTS

The St. Catharines Stamp Club are holding their Annual Dinner in that city on Saturday Evening, February 10th, 1940.

Mr. A. S. Deaville, supervisor of the Philatelic Branch, Post Office Dept., Ottawa, will be the guest Speaker. His address will be in conjunction with a moving picture and slides on a subject not yet announced. Mr. Deaville is a member of the Royal Philatelic Society and is well known in Philatelic circles as a writer of note. He was awarded silver medal at the New York International Exhibition, 1937, for his handbook on the stamps of British Columbia.

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Change of Address

Mr. George Ross - from 97 Chaplin Ave. to 6 Elizabeth St., St. Catharines, Ont.

Proposals for Membership.

Mr. Adolph Lang,	7 Dunrobin Court,	Finchley Rd.	London N.S.W., England
Mr. R. C. Hunter,	2842 West Grand Blvd.		Detroit, Mich.
Mr. J. F. Gregg,	205 Vaughan Rd.		Toronto, Ont.
Mr. C. Woodhead	529 Winona Dr.,		Toronto, Ont.
Mr. E. Parsons	420 Glenlake Ave.		Toronto, Ont.
Mr. H. Miller			T oronto, Ont.

(Any objections to proposals to membership in the Canadian Philatelic Society must be in writing to a member of the board within fifteen days of the publication of names in the Official Bulletin).

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EDITORIAL

About one year ago the Board of Directors decided to alter the constitution so that a club did not have to have 100% membership in the C.P.S. in order to affiliate with the Society. At that time there were only three active affiliated clubs. These were the Halifax Stamp Club, Toronto Stamp Collectors Club and the Hamilton Philatelic Society. Members of the Board have attended meetings in various cities and have had the pleasure of passing the applications for affiliation from five more clubs.

Members who belong to local clubs and who would like particulars of how their club may be affiliated are invited to write to the Treasurer for particulars. Incidentally there is a substantial saving in membership fees for those joining the Society as a member of an affiliated club. This saving applies to renewals of present memberships too. For the present, however, applications for affiliation can only be accepted from clubs in Canada

Below is the full list of the present affiliated clubs with particulars of their meetings, as filed with the Editor of the Bulletin at the moment of writing.

The latest club to join us is the West Toronto Stamp Club. All clubs are reminded that they are entitled to send two representatives to any and all monthly meetings of the C.P.S. directors. The monthly meetings are held in the Royal York Hotel on the second Friday evening of each month at eight o'clock.

TORONTO STAMP COLLECTORS CLUB meets 1st and 3rd Thursdays at Royal York Hotel, Toronto.

HAMILTON PHILATELIC SOCIETY meets every 3rd Tuesday at the home of a member.

THE STAMP CLUB OF HAMILTON meets the 2nd Monday each month at Royal Connaught Hotel.

ST. CATHARINES STAMP CLUB meets at Hotel Lincoln on 2nd and 4th Wednesdays

EAST TORONTO STAMP CLUB meets 2nd & 4th Mondays at Snell's Hall, Toronto.

THE MUTUAL STAMP CLUB meets at the homes of its members in Toronto on the

2nd & 4th Tuesdays of each month.

WEST TORONTO STAMP CLUB meets at 722 College St., Toronto - 1st & 3rd Tuesdays.

HALIFAX STAMP CLUB - information not available.

Needless to say all these clubs welcome local and out of town visitors. In regard to the Mutual Stamp Club of Toronto both C.P.S. Secretaries are members of the above club and prospective visitors should contact one of them. The first 1940 meeting of the Hamilton Philatelic Society will be Jan. 9th. Both C.P.S. Directors living in Hamilton are members and will be pleased to sponsor prospective visitors to the host of the evening.

Editorial (Continued)

We have been favoured with a communication from the Supt. of the Government Mint & Stamp Dept. at Trivandrum, Travancore, India, giving particulars of a new issue of stamps by the Government of His Highness the Maharajah of Travancore, in commemoration of his 27th birthday.

There are seven stamps in the set, the values being 1 chuckram, $1\frac{1}{2}$, 2, 3, 4, 7 and 14 chuckrams. A chuckram is equal to 6.74 pies in India currency. There are 12 pies in an anna and 16 anna's in a rupee. They are to be printed on the same paper as previous issues. The former issue had 84 watermarks per sheet of 84 stamps, which printing was done from a form containing 84 separate electro blocks.

The new issue has the lowest and the three highest values in double size stamps and will come 112 to the sheet which means that the watermark (The Conch Shell) will only be completely shown on a few stamps in each sheet. All the stamps will be printed from chromium faced plates by the Letter press method in the Government Printery. A complete sheet of either size will be $15\frac{3}{4}$ by $15\frac{1}{2}$ inches.

The four double size stamps are all water scenes, the 1 chuckram is pale green in colour and shows a palace in the background and a motorboat in the foreground. The 4 chuckram is Terra Cotta in colour and shows a temple in the background. The 7 chuckram is celeste blue and shows a beach scene with a native boat in the foreground. The 14 chuckram is viridine in colour showing a lake in the mountains. The small stamps are pictures of His Highness the Maharajah and are colored Deep Red, Pale Orange Lake and Chestnut Brown.

Applications for quantities of these stamps are to be made to the Supt. and extra allowance made for postal charges. He solicits order for full sheets but does not say that he will not accept orders for smaller quantities.

We are advised by the Westminster Stamp Co., 32 Strand, London, England, that they can now supply the New Zealand Philatelic Society publication "The Postage Stamps of New Zealand" at a cost of 25 shillings, postage extra. The book is about 500 pages with 40 full pages of illustrations. This is a limited edition, each book is numbered and bound in leather with cloth sides and title lettered in gold. This book will undoubtedly be the most complete work on the subject and moreover promises to be the outstanding philatelic publication of modern times.

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IN OUR LIBRARY

The Board of Directors recently purchased a copy of the American Airmail Society 1939 Catalogue. This is the outstanding Airmail Cover Catalogue of the world and has an extensive Canadian Section.

Another recent addition is a reprint of Senator 's Study of Canada, 1859 issue, with particular attention to the 5¢ Beaver varieties. Some three or four months ago we mentioned this was going to be reprinted by the Lindquist Publishing Co., New York.

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OTTAWA NOTES - by G. G. Macdonald, Toronto.

The 1¢ yellow coil of 1924 has recently been taken off the Philatelic Branch list. Other items sold out since last announcement are 8¢ blue, 1930, 1¢ coil 1928 precancelled 1¢ yellow coil, 1930; 10¢ postage due, 1930; 5¢ Air Mail, 1930; 6¢ Ottawa Conference Airmail; 1¢ booklet, 1928; 2¢ green booklet, 1930; and the 1935 2¢ & 3¢ booklets. There are only 5 different booklets available prior to the present issue. Used panes will bring high prices comparatively and should receive immediate notice of those needing same.

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THE NEWFOUNDLAND OVERPRINTS

By the time this is in your hands those who sent their order direct to Newfoundland for the overprints will know whether the stock was as small as the dealers claim it was. If the dealers had the correct information in the first place many a collector is going to set back and lump it because the price will now at least double first quotation. On the other hand, if you got them direct at face plus expense you will never be sorry.

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ROYAL VISIT PLATE NUMBER BLOCKS - by G. G. Macdonald, Toronto.

Specialists report great difficulty in locating all plate positions in the one cent green numbered 1-3 and 1-4. In the three cent red the 5-1 and 5-3 in all positions and other hard-to-locate positions are 1-1 U.L., 3-3 U.L., 4-1 U.R. and 4-3 U.R. Below is the list of available block positions at the Philatelic Branch, Ottawa. One must purchase the full sheet (50) to secure a plate block in this list.

One Cent Value

1-1 U.R., U.L., L.R.	2-3 None	4-1 U.R., U.L., L.L.
1-2 U.R., U.L., L.R.	2-4 None	4-2 All
1-3 None	3-1 U.R., U.L., L.L.	4-3 U.R.
1-4 None	3-2 All	4-4 None
2-1 All	3-3 U.R.	5-1 All
2-2 All	3-4 None	5-2 All

Two Cent Value

1-1 U.R., U.L.	2-1 All	3-1 All
1-2 U.R., U.L.	2-2 All	3-2 All

Royal Visit Plate Blocks - Ottawa List (cont.)The 3 Cent Value

1-1	None	2-4	All	4-3	None
1-2	All	3-1	None	4-4	All
1-3	None	3-2	All	5-1	None
1-4	All v	3-3	None	5-2	None
2-1	None	3-4	All	5-3	None
2-2	All	4-1	None	5-4	None
2-3	None	4-2	All		

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THE 1939 OVERPRINTS ON CANADIAN CIGARETTE AND CUT TOBACCO STAMPS

(From Information supplied by Charlie Armstrong, Toronto, and Associates)

The Government raised the tax on cigarettes and cut tobaccos overnight. All factories closed down for 48 hours, then came forth with 23 in the old 25¢ packages, 18 in the 20¢ packages; 9 in the 10¢ packages; and 4 in the 5¢ packages. Apparently each factory was allowed to overprint stamps on hand for emergency issue till Ottawa could supply an official overprint or an entirely new stamp. I am afraid that the good items have got by most collectors and only the keenest revenue collector has a complete showing. Most brands are now appearing decorated with the new Series C.4, 9, 18 and 23 respectively. These stamps are of the same design as the previous issue of 5,10,20 & 25. Apparently, however, there were stocks of older issues among the overprints as there appeared 9's of series 1923 and 18 in series A. However, it is among the overprints that the good 'uns will be found. All tobacco houses, both wholesale and retail, have been concentrating on Christmas packages so some older stock may appear on dealer's shelves in the next two weeks. All collectors, even if they do not collect revenues as a rule are just plain hopeless if they do not try to obtain at least one of each of these overprints while there may be the odd one about. It is a cinch that there will be nary a one by Feb. 1st, 1940. This applies particularly to the cigarette stamps as stocks of cut tobacco do not move so fast through the trade.

The check list below is not put forth as a complete list but items reported at a later date will be listed in another issue.

- Type A - Hand stamp surcharged in violet 2 fine lines through large centre figure; two fine lines through figures in corner and the new value in large fine line figures in centre of stamp at bottom. Found on McDonald Tobacco Co. products on the 1st printing of 4,18 and 23 units. There is an unconfirmed report that this type was also used on a 22 on a 24 package.
- Type B - Printed in black, large figure in centre, surcharged with four lines; corner figures surcharged with three lines. New value shown twice in tall thin figures. Reported only on 9 unit package.
- Type C - Printed in black, large value figure surcharged with three small figures surcharged with four lines. New value shown twice in short, stubby figures. Found on Imperial & Tuckett Co. products on 4 and 9 unit packages.
- Type D - Printed in black, large value figure surcharged with new value in a heavy type. small figures blocked out. Found on 4, 9, 22 & 23 unit packages. Some cigarette manufacturers use a narrow thick package for their 18 & 23 units. This size package uses a longer stamp than the thin wide packages. Type D will be found on some of these longer stamps.
- Type E - Printed in black, large value figure surcharged with two fine lines, small figures not surcharged at all. New value shown twice in tall heavy figures. Found on 9 and 23 unit packages.
- Type F - Printed in black, large value figure surcharged with four lines. Small figures surcharged with four lines. This is a companion issue to Type C and is found on the 22 and 23 units. (short stamps) and 22 units (long stamps) of the same companies.
- Type G - Printed in black, large value figure surcharged in six lines, small figures surcharged with four lines. Comes on 23 unit, using long stamp.
- Type H - Printed in black, large value figure surcharged with two lines, small figures surcharged in three lines. New value shown twice in tall figures. Found on 9 unit packages.
- Type I - Printed in black, large value figure surcharged with two lines, small figures surcharged by blocking out. Found on 9 unit packages.
- Type J - Printed in black, large figure surcharged with five lines, small figures surcharged with four lines. Found on 11 unit package.

The surcharges on Cut Tobaccos will not be designated by types at this writing. Varieties reported to date are as follows:

Two-twenty fifths on one-twelfth.	<u>Three</u> varieties of overprint
Two-twenty sixths on one-thirteenth.	<u>One</u> variety
Two-twenty ninths on one-fourteenth	<u>Two</u> varieties
Two-thirty firsts on one-fifteenth	<u>Four</u> varieties

On the pouch type packages we have

Two-twenty ninths on one-fourteenth	one variety
Two-twenty-firsts on one-tenth	one variety
Two-nineteenths on one-ninth	Three varieties.