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## NEW STAMPS AHEAD FOR CANADA

As reported in the April issue of the News Letter, Canada is commencing a series of commemorative stamps which will honour some of her past prime ministers. The first two stamps in the series are scheduled for release on June 25th. A three cent stamp in green will honour Sir Robert Borden, while a 4¢ stamp in rose will honour Mackenzie King. First day covers will be serviced in Ottawa, and can be secured by sending self-addressed covers to the Postmaster, Ottawa, including sufficient remittance to cover postage and 5¢ mailing charge for each cover. Air Mail or Registered Mail covers can be secured by adding 10¢ to the cost of the postage, and, of course, covers sent to Ottawa for this purpose should be enclosed in an outside wrapper or envelope.

A set of four stamps will appear Sept. 24th to commemorate the Centennial of the Transfer of the Administration of the Postal Service to British North America, and will make their appearance at CAPEX being held in Toronto at that time. It is expected that Ottawa will not service first-day covers on this issue, but that the Canadian Association for Philatelic Exhibitions, sponsors of CAPEX will provide such a service. Full details of this can be secured by writing them at 70 Bloor St. W., Toronto.

A further report on Canadian stamps indicates that we can expect some colour changes in our regular lower values as soon as present stocks are exhausted. To conform with the regulations of the Universal Postal Union, it is said that the 2¢ value will be changed to olive green, and the 4¢ value will be orange. Such a move will doubtless result in other color changes as well, but details have not yet been announced.

As suggested in the News Letter last month, the 1¢ stamp will soon be obsolete and it is said that no more printings will be made after the present stocks are used up.

### DID YOU KNOW . . .



### MANY NEW C.P.S. MEMBERS

Renewals of membership, and applications from new members continue to roll in with almost every mail. It was our intention to issue a supplementary membership list and a list of address changes with this bulletin, but so many additions and alterations in the list have been coming in that we found we could not get them in the allotted space, nor were there quite enough for a separate supplementary insert for this issue.

Our membership continues to grow and we believe will continue to do so. Perhaps you have a friend to whom you have been passing on your "Philatelist" and News-Letter copies. Perhaps he'd like to become a member of the Society. Pass on the enclosed application form to him and urge him to become a member under your sponsorship.

That according to a recently published news report, clerks in our Post Offices are supposed to be handed the exact amount of cash required for stamps purchased, and can not legally give change.

Seems it's another of those old and obsolete regulations of the Post Office Act which while still on the books have long been disregarded. According to the Act, if you go to the post office and hand over five cents for a three cent stamp you automatically forfeit your right to the two cents change.

Another section gives the postmaster-general almost unlimited right to assess anyone who offends against postal regulations.

These facts came to light when Hon. Edouard Rinfret placed before the House of Commons on April 21st, a bill which will bring the act up to date and eliminate these and other long-forgotten regulations.

## MORE SLAMS FOR CANADIAN STAMPS

It seems to be a hobby with some people to seize every new issue of stamps and seek to find something the matter with it. And to tell the truth they seem to find little difficulty in doing so. Last month we published an editorial from the Toronto Star about the 10¢ current stamp. Now along comes another Ontario daily with a look into the future and a strong criticism of the proposed new stamps to appear in September to commemorate the 100th anniversary of Canadian Stamps.

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**POOR POSTAGE STAMPS**

From the Peterborough Examiner

Three new postage stamps are to be issued in commemoration of the centenary of the transfer of the administration of the postal service to British North America. They are 5 cents purple, 7 cents blue and 15 cents red. We have seen a reproduction of the 7 cents blue, which is as usual dull and amateurish. It purports to be the likeness of an 1851 mail stage-coach passing a hotel in York, while overhead a North Star plane narrowly escapes a mid-air collision with the legend "Canada" in the top left-hand corner of the stamp. The idea is crite, the drawing is niggling, and the design is dullness incarnate. When one compares this effort with the magnificent series of stamps to be issued in connection with the Festival of Britain it leads us to wonder whether the event commemorated by our own stamps should have taken place at all

American and overseas philatelic magazine publishers frequently extol the quality and design of our Canadian stamps and rate them among the world's best, but here at home they just don't seem to have a friend. Which side do you take in this controversy? Drop the Editor a line and let's take a poll on it.

## A TRIBUTE TO OUR SALES MANAGER

Cyril Woodhead, our efficient manager of the C.P.S. Sales Department, has been confined to bed for several weeks due to a heart ailment, but we are glad to hear that he expects to be up and about again in the very near future.

Such an illness would be a legitimate excuse for neglecting the work of his Department, but not for Cyril. In spite of it he has kept the Sales Department in full operation on a normal basis, for which act he deserves great credit.

The job of Sales Manager is about the toughest of all C.P.S. offices, and it demands long hours in checking the books preparing for mailing, and keeping adequate records. That's why we feel he should be especially commended for keeping things moving in difficult circumstances. More power to you, Cyril, we're all with you - and a speedy recovery.

## SCOTT'S ISSUE NEW CATALOGUE

Those collectors who share the feeling that our stamp catalogues are becoming too big and too complicated, will be interested in the announcement just made by Scott Publications, Inc., that it is about to publish a single volume which will overcome a lot of your objections.

It is to be known as SCOTT'S POPULAR STAMP CATALOG - a simplified edition of Scott's Standard Postage Stamp Catalogue, the two-volume 'encyclopedia' which keeps us poor keeping up with it.

The new catalog will list only face-different stamps - stamps which differ in design, color or denomination. Differences in perforation, watermark and minor varieties are ignored.

Postage stamps, semi-postals and airmails are listed for all countries of the stamp world. The United States section include all classification of the present catalogue, but in foreign countries, the postage due, official, special delivery, occupation and postal tax issues are to be omitted. Catalog numbers will be the same as in Scott's Standard, and where varieties are omitted, the numbers will be skipped. Pricing will also agree in the two editions.

The new catalog will be profusely illustrated and is printed by the offset process. The United States section will be at the front, to be followed by all other countries in alphabetical order regardless of their location in the world or their colonial affiliations, if any.

According to Scott's president, it is to be a volume for the average or not-so-advanced collector, who needs a catalogue but finds it difficult to afford the former two-volume edition. The new catalog will sell for \$3.00 in the U.S. (probably slightly higher here) and will have 1280 pages, with a flexible, sturdy cover. It is scheduled for publication in June.

The 33rd Philatelic Congress of Great Britain (in session as this is written) is to see a new edition of "A Glossary of Philatelic Terms", the last edition of which (1933) went out of print during the war. We understand this original volume was rated very highly among collectors throughout the world, and the new edition is said to be enlarged and improved.

Probably some of you have received the very attractive folder and order form issued by the Netherlands Philatelic Service, illustrating and seeking orders for the 1951 "Castle" series - 5 stamps which will be on sales from May 15 to July 15, 1951. Another indication of the value which post office departments all over the world see in philatelic sales.

**NEWS FROM THE CLUBS**

As the club seasons draw to a close, news of club activities is not so plentiful, but items continue to come in from time to time.

FORD EMPLOYEES STAMP CLUB, Windsor, Ont., announce that the Ford Hobby Show has been definitely set for June 6, 7 and 8, and the Ford Employees Stamp Club Annual Exhibition will be held in conjunction with this show at the same time and in the same place. Interested C.P.S. members are invited to be present.

On April 28 more than 100 philatelists from Windsor to Niagara Falls met to enjoy the annual get-together party of the Grand Valley Philatelic Association, and to enjoy the old fashioned Dutch dinner of pigs hocks, ribs & sauerkraut. The dealers' bourse and auction sale in the afternoon, news about Capex, presented by Vince Greene and Les Davenport, of Toronto, a moving picture, and the usual lucky draws made the annual event another item to be placed in the success column. The host club was the B. F. Goodrich Stamp Club, under the leadership of President Bill Erbach.

Another Windsor Club has been heard from. The Windsor-Y Stamp Collectors' Club which meets in the Windsor YMCA on the 1st & 3rd Fridays. President is R. C. Martin, and Secretary - R. Willey, 2372 Windermere Ave., Windsor. They'd be glad to hear from other collectors at this address. The club has 20 members.

**NEW ISSUES DEPARTMENT**

A recent announcement of interest is that the plan to issue United Nations postage stamps is one step nearer completion with the appointment of a four member committee empowered to consider and give final approval to the designs of the proposed eleven-stamp issue of regular stamps in denominations of 1¢ to \$1.00, and of four air mail denominations from 6¢ to 25¢. The stamps will be used at UN headquarters and be sold in the U.N. Post Office to be established there, and which will replace the present U.S. Post Office Station there. It is expected that the new issues will come into use in September of this year. Some American dealers are already accept-orders for the new issues.

On May 1st, AUSTRALIA issued a four-value set commemorating the 50th Anniversary of the Commonwealth. They illustrate two of the national figures responsible for the uniting of the Australian colonies into the Commonwealth of Australia; The opening of the First Parliament; and the Federal Parliament House at Canberra. All four stamps are inscribed across the top of the stamps with the words "Foundation of the Commonwealth."

**ART INSLEY REPORTS**

Ed.Note: While a little delayed due to lack of space last month, the following contribution of our CPS Treasurer, Mr. Art Insley, is too good to pass up even at this late date. He tells us -

"Saturday, March 31, I visited the T.H.B. (Toronto-Hamilton-Buffalo Clubs) gathering in Hamilton, Ont. They had a very fine exhibition, including the plating of the 17¢ Cartier - well worth the trip to see the exhibit alone. Prominent philatelists from Windsor, Niagara Falls, Kitchener, Brantford, Hamilton, Toronto, Buffalo and many other points were in attendance, with an auction conducted by the one and only Walter Bayley, and a Dealers' Bourse which did a fine business among the features. Of course, C.P.S. sales books were also on hand with excellent results for both buyer and seller. The next event to be announced was the Silver Anniversary Dinner of the Buffalo Club which was held on May 11 and 12 at Buffalo's Hotel Statler. Canadians received a special invitation to attend.

Throughout Ontario, friendly exchanges of visits between clubs is becoming more and more prevalent. Recently, one of the most active Toronto Clubs - The West Toronto Stamp Club - entertained the members of the Oshawa Stamp Club. Back in March, West Toronto had visited Oshawa and had provided the program, and the following week Oshawa reciprocated with a Toronto visit. The exchange of ideas proved most valuable to both clubs and the members recommend similar exchanges between any clubs as a means in increasing interest, fellowship and a source of new ideas for club activities. Many regional clubs are now forming local associations, with the various member clubs alternating in entertaining and exchanging program ideas with each other. Such activities have been found to arouse new interest and bring about increased membership in most of the clubs participating.

**FROM THE LIBRARY**

Dr. Murray Campbell, of Winnipeg, has presented the Library with a copy which he authored under the title "The Postal History of Red River, British North America!" It covers 14 pages with the postal history of this territory from 1816 to 1871, and is a great tribute to the research work done by our industrious member. Many thanks.

J. T. Scott, Librarian

## THE SALES DEPARTMENT

Please take note that this department operates 12 months in the year. (We doze, but never close) Business will slacken off, no doubt, during Summer months, with very few clubs open, and vacations for the collectors.

The wise collector will grab the stamps even in the hottest weather and get the jump on the other fellow. Vacation time doesn't prevent a real collector from looking for bargains.

Your Sales Manager is desirous of hearing from members who wish to continue receiving circuits during the summer months. Also from Club Secretaries as to whether or not to send circuits to the clubs during the Summer months. You might drop me a line at the address below. We service over 20 clubs at present and over 100 members, so there's lots of interesting stamps in this Department.

The slack period is a good time to re-mount or fill up new books and material for the fall season. You may obtain blank books from me at the present price of 10 for one dollar (The next lot should be cheaper). Do this now, so we may be assured of lots of books in the Sales Dept. by the end of August.

All books that have been received and have had good circulation will be retired by June 30th. All the early books have already been retired.

Don't forget to write me on these matters

Cyril Woodhead,  
123 Albertus Ave.,  
Toronto 12, Ont.

## NEWS OF THE CAPEX EXHIBITION

Plans are now well advanced for the big exhibition to be held in September to celebrate the 100th Anniversary of our own Canadian Postage Stamps. Stamp publications, and our daily newspapers, are frequently carrying news of the big event to come, and philatelic organizations all over the continent are planning to hold their conventions in Toronto this year to co-incide with CAPEX. It promises to be much the biggest philatelic event in Toronto's history.

Of course, it has already been announced that the annual meeting of the C. P. S. will be held in Toronto during the CAPEX celebration, and many other philatelic organizations are doing likewise. The latest announcement we have seen is that the American Air Mail Society will come to Toronto for their convention on Sept. 21-23, with Toronto's King Edward Hotel as their headquarters.

## WE MADE A MISTAKE

A Maritime member writes us to take us to task, and rightly so, for an error in our report in the last issue under the heading "Nova Scotia News". We credited the news item to E.K. Allen, of Halifax, whereas it appears that this should have read Mrs. E. K. Allen. Our apologies to Mrs. Allen for this mistake, and our thanks to the Saint John member who sent in the correction.

Another member, P. F. Calcutti, takes issue with us in our statement that the one cent stamp now appears to be obsolete, pointing out that the newspaper rate remained at 1¢ for 4 ounces and many small publications came in this classification. Mr. Calcutti was right (at the time) but on the same day as his letter came to hand, the Government came to our rescue with an announcement of an increase in newspaper rates, too.

Of course, only technically is the one-cent stamp obsolete - when it is used alone. It can still be added to a two to make a three, or to a three to make a four - but in its lone state it doesn't seem much good any more.

Well, we were lucky on that one - the P.O. Dept. came to our rescue at the last minute. No doubt someone will find an error in this issue for which we have no answer. Write us about it anyway.

At least it tells us that our efforts are not in vain - YOU DO READ THE NEWS-LETTER. One of these times we'll have to put a deliberate mis-statement in, just to see how many of you do read it.

Anyway, whether you find something wrong or not, drop us a line and tell us your opinion of the News Letter - who knows, you may break into print as a result.

The A.A.M.S. are not holding an exhibition of their own, but will enter their collections in the Air Mail Section of CAPEX, bringing with them many valuable and unique displays, with special awards for their members who participate. Recently we heard Robson Lowe, of England, interviewed over a Toronto radio station. He told us that many famous English collections would be coming to Toronto, including the British North America Section of King George's - one of the finest British Empire collections in the world.

During the Exhibition, the memory of Sir Sanford Fleming, the designer of Canada's first postage stamp, will be honoured by the erection of a plaque on the building which now stands on the site at 112 Yonge St., where Sanford Fleming's offices were located - and of course, this first postage stamp will have an honoured place in the display at CAPEX.