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OUR COMING CANADIAN ISSUE



Illustrations of the designs of the Centenary stamps to be issued in September have now been made available, and are reproduced above. September 24th has been set as the date of issue and the locale for first day cover service will be the location of the CAPEX exhibition, the Automotive Building of the Canadian National Exhibition, Toronto.

If it can be judged by advance illustration, it seems that this series of four stamps will be among the most interesting of Canada's stamp issues. Designed to commemorate the centennial of Canadian postage stamps, they illustrate the advance made in one century in three fields of transportation upon which mail is carried - the railway, the steamship, and stage coach to airplane. The final value of the set incorporates in its design the original 3d. beaver stamp, one for which Canada is famous in stamp circles, and which was originally designed by Sir Sandord Fleming, whose memory will also be honoured during CAPEX week.

The 4¢ stamp, black in color, contrasts an old-fashioned wood burning engine and train which operated on the Bytown and Prescott Railway in 1851 with the modern streamlined diesel electric locomotive.

The 5¢ purple, reproduces the side-paddle steamship "City of Toronto", which operated between Lake Ontario ports and Prescott, Ont. and also illustrates the Canadian National Steamer "Prince George" which today runs between Vancouver and Alaska on the Pacific Coast.

The 7¢ blue shows a stage coach of the 1851 period and a modern "North Star" aircraft of today, both of which handled the mails of their respective period.

The 15¢ value is to be printed in a shade of red approximating that of the original 3d. beaver of 1851 and the design has a reproduction of that original stamp surrounded by a suitable border design and the dates 1851 and 1951. It is the first 15¢ stamp for Canada since the Quebec Tercentenary issue of 1908, and is considered a convenient value for use on air mail letters addressed to the United Kingdom, Ireland and Europe.

It seems likely that apart from their historical interest this set should become one of the more valuable of our Canadian commemoratives in a relatively short space of time for the values are such as will limit their postal use in large quantities, and their life will probably be comparatively short.

STILL SELLING 1¢ CARDS

Government economy has dictated that the 1¢ post cards and envelopes on hand when the recent postal rate changes were announced should be overprinted with the denomination "2". However, as recently as July 4th, we purchased some of the old 1¢ cards from a Toronto Department Store P.O. and had to affix an extra 1¢ stamp.

A TIP FOR CLUBS

A club secretary reported to us recently that a highly successful competition in his club consisted of locating the "secret date" on recent issues of Canadian stamps and listing these locations on paper. Said he was surprised to find how many of the members didn't even know that our stamps were dated.

THE CAPEX EXHIBITION

It won't be any time at all now till the big philatelic event for Canadians is about to get under way. Preparations have been proceeding steadily and great interest has been aroused not only in Canada but right through the philatelic world.

Canada's first International Exhibition celebrates, as you know, the 100th Anniversary of our postage stamps, but also the transfer of the Postal Administration from the Imperial Government to the Canadian Government - so it does mark two significant events to all Canadian collectors.

As proof of its international interest it is announced that many other societies will also be holding their 1951 Convention Meetings in Toronto during that week. The Canadian Philatelic Society is one, of course, but among others are such well-known and important groups as The American Airmail Society, A.S.D.A., A.P.S., Postal History Society of Great Britain, Confederate Stamp Alliance, Canadian Revenue Society, BNAPS and the Postal Historians of Great Britain. In addition there is little doubt that many local clubs will also commemorate this occasion with special events. September 21 to 29, 1951, should go down in the philatelic history of Canada as eight memorable days.

Latest reports tell of some 1400 frames each holding 16 stamp pages which will be filled by outstanding exhibits from all parts of the world, including over 50 exhibits from England and others representing Belgium, Australia, Norway, United States, Guatemala, Brazil, Eire, South Africa, Finland, Denmark, Holland and many others.

One of the most interesting exhibits to Canadians will be a goodly portion of the collection of King George VI, which will come to Canada under the care of Sir John Wilson, keeper of the King's collection, who will also act as one of the international judges. To date some of the world's leading philatelic authorities from nine different countries have agreed to act on the Judging Board.

During CAPEX the new commemorative stamps will make their debut, and First Day Covers will be serviced at the special Post Office in the Automotive Building.

Special First Day Envelopes have been prepared and are available at most of the dealer's stores in small lots. Clubs can also secure them from Capex Headquarters in lots of 500 and 1000, in four differ

"THE CANADIAN PHILATELIST"

Almost simultaneously with this News Letter you'll be receiving a copy of our quarterly publication "Canadian Philatelist". This is the first issue to be put out under the editorship of Doug. Patrick, who assumed his post just as the previous issue was going to press. We haven't yet seen the complete issue as we write this, but we do know that Doug. has been working hard on it and has come up with some gilt-edged material. Doug. is a busy man - holding down a job on a Toronto weekly publication - conducting that most popular of Stamp Clubs, the C.B.C. Stamp Club of the Air, every Saturday noon - and serving the C.P.S. as editor of the Philatelist - to say nothing of a few other activities he says little about. His interest in these activities is so high, we understand, that he has decided to remain in the city this summer so that his C.B.C. Stamp Club can continue to hold its sessions with him at the helm. Congratulations, Doug., on a swell job for the C.P.S. and for philately generally. The hobby needs more men like you.

OUR CORRESPONDENCE

In response to our suggestion that members join in the current controversy about the quality of the designs of our Canadian stamps, a number of our C.P.S. members have addressed communications to the Editor.

In the main, these letters have risen to the defence of our stamp designs, and pointed out, as your Editor did in a recent issue, that a few of our stamps in particular are rated extremely high in world philatelic circles, and in the vast majority of cases our general issues have been quite acceptable. The main criticisms came back to that 10¢ beaver skin design which most correspondents agreed was greatly exaggerated when it showed beaver skins stretched to a size quite in excess of anything resembling a beaver we have ever seen.

ent colors for the four stamps. For further information on this write to "CAPEX", 70 Bloor St. W., Toronto 5.

C.P.S., like many other groups, will have a member's lounge at the exhibition where you can become better acquainted with your Directors and Officers and with other members of the Society.

In September, all philatelic roads will lead to CAPEX, Automotive Building, Canadian National Exhibition Grounds, Toronto, Ontario.

IMPORTANT! NOMINATIONS WANTED

As previously announced, the Annual Meeting of the Society will be held on the 21st and 22nd of September, during the period of the Capex Show.

Your Directors are now calling for Nominations for the post of Directors for the Season 1951-52. It is the privilege of any paid-up member of the Society to nominate any other accredited member as a candidate for the Board of Directors, provided that such persons have been personally approached and have granted permission for their name to stand. Such nominations must also be seconded by another member of the Society.

All nominations must be addressed to the Secretary of the Board of Directors, Bert L. Baulch, at 42 Carlton Street, Toronto, and should be received by him not later than August 15th, 1951.

By order of the
Board of Directors, Canadian Philatelic Society.

NEWS FROM THE CLUBS

EDMONTON STAMP CLUB at a recent meeting were treated to a talk and a series of color films taken on a recent trip to California and Yellowstone Park by Mr. G. W. Linke. The club runs a monthly auction and makes good use of C.P.S. Circuit Books. To keep members interested during the summer months they are circulating special Circuit Books and are setting an objective of 200 such books available to members.

GRAND RIVER VALLEY STAMP CLUB elected James E. Kraemer as the president for the forthcoming year, with Robert Fraser and Frank Shantz as vice-presidents and Bruce E. McAdam as Secretary-Treasurer. They report the past season as the best ever and the membership highest in the club's history. Meetings toward the end of the season featured social activity, with the final May meeting featuring the game of "Stampo" with the winners being paid off in Stamps. June 4th was to be a games night, with husbands or wives invited and refreshments served.

THE GRAND RIVER VALLEY ASSOCIATION, comprising clubs of Brantford, Grand River (Kitchener) Goodrich (Kitchener) Galt and Guelph held their annual meeting and elected the following officers for 1951-52: President - Jack Heap, Guelph; Secy-Treas. - Douglas Hillman, Guelph; and an Executive composed of Walter Allendorf and Bruce McAdams of Grand River; Peter Lewis and Alfred Chivers of Goodrich; Morris Hewitt and Rev. W. C. Goodger of Galt; and Roland Williamson and Martin Avey of Brantford.

From B.C. comes word of the activity of the New Westminster Club who are following a constructive program through the late spring season. Recently Dr. C.E. Benwell addressed the club on the Postal History of Canada, tracing the service right back to the time when Canada was first handed over to Britain and the first postal road from New York To Quebec was first surveyed by Benjamin Franklin.

He gave much splendid information on methods of printing and papers, and much other technical information which members found very helpful. Another fine evening was Boys' Night which was given over to our future collectors and 24 juniors were entertained by the club. Special competitions for boys with prizes of stamps and other packages as presents sent the boys home happy

MONCTON STAMP COLLECTORS CLUB were recently hosts to the members of the Saint John and Fredericton clubs at a Sunday afternoon and evening meeting which lasted from 2 p.m. to 10 p.m. and featured an afternoon of trading and talking of stamps, an auction, a dinner, short addresses from the presidents of the visiting clubs, and the usual door prizes and raffles. Collectors from Moncton, Saint John, West Saint John, Fairville, Hampton and St. George and Fredericton were among the guests. The president of the Moncton Club is Mr. Guerne Charters, 357 Cameron St., Moncton. The Moncton Club claims the distinction of having as many ladies as men among its membership.

WESTMOUNT STAMP CLUB at a recent meeting passed a resolution commending the C.P.S. on the inauguration of the News Letter which the members seemed to like. They report a recent Stamp Auction on behalf of the Red Cross which netted \$175.95 for this worthy cause. The Junior section of the Club have just held a fine Exhibition of their own, and 20 members of the Junior Club, accompanied by six Senior Members, recently toured the Montreal Post Office and found it a real eye opener. At the concluding meeting for the season Mr. Carl Mangold was elected President, supported by an executive of Reg. Haldimand, Clifford Malone, R. J. Sutherland and A.H. Christensen, who has signalled his role as the new Secretary by forwarding this report.

THE SALES DEPARTMENT

Our Sales Manager, Cyril Woodhead, is in much improved health and is back on his jobs for the C.P.S. in full swing. He reports that it has been a record year for the Sales Department with a total of 770 books received and circulated up to the end of May and total sales to that date of \$4,251.35 for the year. Although there is a natural slow-down in the summer time, Sales Circuits continue to go out wherever there is interest shown. In fact, it's a good time to put in new material, for toward the end of the season many books are retired and returned to the owners. New books which enter the circuits are thus most welcome and get a quick circulation during the summer and prior to the opening of the new Club season.

Better sit down and make up a few new books and get them in to Cyril. He'll get them out again quickly and perhaps make you a few bucks to pay for some of those holidays you're taking.

LIBRARY NEWS

From time to time the C.P.S. Librarian receives copies of various publications for inclusion in the C.P.S. Library, and such items are always appreciated. Recently received, through the courtesy of Colonel S. S. Weatherbie, of Ottawa, are four copies of Philatelic Society Journals (London, England) which contain much valuable information on BRITISH INDIA, CEYLON, HONDURAS, SOUTH AFRICAN PROTECTORATES, etc.

Our Librarian, Mr. J. T. Scott, takes this opportunity of publicly thanking Col. Weatherbie, and assuring all members of a ready welcome for any material which they may care to send him for addition to the C.P.S. Library.

If you are seeking information or reading matter on any philatelic subject, it is quite likely that the C.P.S. Library can oblige you with the information you want. Keep it in mind and write the Librarian the next time you require something along his line.

NEW ISSUES DEPARTMENT

NEW ONES KEEP ON COMING

Many new issues and rumors of new issues again this month - space permits the listing of just a few of them:

UNITED STATES has recently released a 3 cent commemorative for the Final Re-Union United Confederate Veterans. Three other commemorates are scheduled for 1951 to honour (1) 100th Anniversary of the Settlement of Nevada; (2) Anniversary of Statehood of Colorado; (3) Anniversary of American Chemical Society.

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An attractive commemorative set which has recently appeared consists of four values - 2d, 3d, 6d and 5s. values - issued by NYASALAND, commemorating the 50th Anniversary of the Nyasaland Protectorate. Since it bears the dates 1891-1951 it may possibly be another of those sets which will appreciate quickly in value and may be well worth getting.

AUSTRALIA has announced several issues of interest. A set of two stamps in "duet" form, each a 3d value, will be issued to mark the centennial celebration of Victoria as a separate state in 1851. The portraits on the two stamps will feature Chas. Joseph LaTrobe, first governor of Victoria, and Edward Hargreaves,

AUSTRALIA has announced several issues of interest. Two stamps, each 3d in value, will be issued as a "duet" to commemorate important events in "down-under" history. One will show a photo of Joseph LaTrobe, first governor of Victoria, and will mark the celebration of the centenary of the establishment of a separate state of Victoria in 1851. The other commemorates the centennial of the discovery of gold in New South Wales and will feature Edward Hargreaves, who was a prominent figure in the discovery of precious metals.

WHO CHANGED WHOSE MIND?

The 3¢ and 4¢ Commemorative Stamps just issued honoring Sir Robert Borden and William Lyon Mackenzie King seem to have been the objects of an interesting and mysterious 'change of mind' on the part of the Post Office Department.

The first reports of these issues had Mr. King's portrait appearing on the 3¢ and Mr. Borden's on the 4¢. However, shortly before they made their appearance it was announced that somebody had made a mistake and 'misquoted' Mr. Rinfret's announcement.

Well, maybe so, but could it be that some portion of the Liberal Government were suddenly horrified to find that a Conservative was pictured on the stamp which would be most widely used. So now we have a 3¢ with Mr. Borden featured and Mr. King glorifies the 4¢.