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ON TO LONDON

It's 'On to London' for all good C.P.S.'ers, for our Annual Convention Friday & Saturday, April 18th & 19th.

The Convention marks the end of a season which has gone a long way towards putting the Society again in a position to justify its claim as the only "National Philatelic Society".

While it is hardly likely that we will have as large, or as representative an attendance as we had at our last annual at 'Capex', when the big Show attracted members from all over the world, nevertheless, we've heard of many members who have made plans to be present in London.

The London Committee, under the direction of Dr. L. S. Holmes, have been hard at work, and you've doubtless already received the special Auction List, and their invitation to you to send in mail bids on any lot you fancy. If your bid hasn't got on the way, better get it in by the very next mail. Although there will be bidding on the lots at the Convention, mail bidders have an excellent chance of picking off the lots they want.

There'll be other features of the Convention, too - the Annual Business Session and Election of Directors, as well as important items of business to be dealt with. Then, of course, there's the Annual Dinner - always a big feature. At last reports entries for the Exhibition had been coming in very slowly, so we can't say just how big the Exhibition will be - but that is a thing that has a habit of coming along at the last moment. However, in addition to all the features, the big thing is the fellowship with your fellow collectors - well worth the trip.

Despite many handicaps to overcome, it's been a good period since we last met at 'Capex' - lots of new members, improved publications, records set in the Sales Department and Library - and a Board of Directors that really went to work at their job. Although they have had only 6 months on the job, we feel the members at the Annual Meeting will want to say "Congratulations".

So its 'On to London', members.



THE ROYAL COLLECTION

Since the death of George VI, much interest has been expressed as to the fate of the Royal Collection. A few days ago a Reuter's despatch from London ended much of this conjecture by announcing that Queen Elizabeth would retain the collection and continue to add to it.

Since she was quite small Elizabeth has been reported to be much interested in her father's stamps, and often went to the Royal Stamp Gallery to examine it. Now the collection, which was started by her grandfather and continued by her father, has become her own possession.

Fifty years in the building, it is said to contain at least one copy of every Empire stamp for many years back as well as many errors and varieties. It is contained in over 300 volumes of 750 to 1000 stamps each - 220,000 in all, perhaps the world's largest.

It's value? Who knows? Experts have estimated it to be as high as one million pounds, but no one knows.

The secrets of the Royal Collection will soon be revealed by the publication of a book "The Royal Philatelic Collection, which the keeper of the Royal Stamps has been working on for four years. It will include a detailed catalogue of 214,500 stamps, with many pages of reproductions in full colour, - 500 pages in the book in all

Like a copy? Well, you'll have to dig down deep for it. It is reported that it will cost £57 per copy, quite some money even at the present rate of exchange. Well, our philatelic library is crowded anyway.

WE ARE SORRY

- but we have to confess that this issue is a few days late. Collecting material for a paper like this takes time - writing it up takes more. Since your Editor makes his living in the Direct Mail Advertising business, there come times when he gets extra busy - this has been one of them. You business men and women know that sometimes the bread and butter work has to get preference over the voluntary kind, and remembering this, you will perhaps excuse the lateness, especially if we promise to try and not let it occur too often.

A FINANCIAL APPEAL

As we've mentioned before in the "News-Letter", the greatest handicap your Directors have had to overcome in their efforts to re-vitalize your Society, has always been a shortage of working capital.

The "News-Letter" and the "Philatelist" are comparatively new features of our Society - but both of them cost money. The regular issue of the two publications eats up a major portion of the revenue derived from our former membership fee of \$2.00 yearly. It did not leave too much for other services - and there are other things that cost money. That was one reason why, at the Capex Convention, it was decided that the membership fee would have to be increased to \$3.00, effective April 1st, 1952.

In the interval since Capex, the job of financing the Society has become a major one. Over 100 new members have helped; renewals by members in arrears and pre-payment of 1952-3 dues by a few of them, also helped. Donation Auctions through the News-Letter and some advertising contributed their share - and in all we've reached the Annual Meeting with only a small deficit hanging over our heads. Not bad, considering the greater scope of activity.

Now - the day when we hope to get a little financial relief is at hand. April 1st is here - and a new year's membership fees are due.

In a separate mail you'll receive your notice of Annual Dues. The Directors have done a grand job under difficulties - won't you show your appreciation by remitting your dues promptly and ease their job for the future. It's only \$3.00 - and will ensure that no restrictions in services or publications are necessary.

So use the return envelope you'll receive with your dues notice and help provide the funds which the Society requires to meet its obligations

A NEW CLUB IS STARTED

The Kitchener-Waterloo Record tells us of the opening meeting of the "San" Stamp Club, meeting at Freeport Sanitorium in that district. The Club resulted from a letter received from a San inmate by our Executive-Secretary, who forwarded it to the Grand River Valley Association for follow-up. The Grand Valley Club of Kitchener stepped in and conducted the first meeting and the new "San" Club was organized and has 15 members to date. We'll hear more about it in future issues.

LIBRARY CORNER

NEW ARRIVALS - "The Life of Sir Rowland Hill, and the History of the Penny Post". Two volumes donated by Member #5294, Mr. W.C. Diment, Sinaluta, Sask. These two volumes were published in 1880 and are quite scarce. They deal with the life of Rowland Hill and his struggle to introduce the Penny Post, and his efforts to keep the Post Office running smoothly, while he was Secretary to the Post Office. Well recommended to the student of Postal History. Thanks to Member W. C. Diment.

TOPICALS The Topical Collector has to do much looking through his catalogues to find the stamps needed in his collection. In order to avoid this and to help this type of collection, we were asked to get the book by Phoebe B. Booth -- "Subject Matter of Philately". Well we did so, and we're quite pleased with it. This is a check list of stamp designs based on the 1946 Scott's Catalogue. It does not matter what subject you are interested in, this book will tell you what stamps to get. Religion, for example, is a very popular subject with this class of collector, and there are 33 items covering this, from Altars to Worship. Of the first of these you find three countries issued stamps with altars as part of the design - 6 stamps in all. The book starts with Abbeys and ends with Zodiac, a very wide range that must have taken an enormous amount of compilation. Topical Collectors, save yourself some trouble, and borrow this book to list the stamps you want.

Miss James, Toronto, has kindly donated the following Stanley Gibbons catalogs. We wish to thank her for her generosity.

Part 1 - Br. Empire, 1949, 1840-1936

Part 1 - Br. Empire, 1950, complete

Part V - South America, 1949

Simplified Stamp Catalogue - 1951

King George VI - 1949

King George VI - 1950

King George VI - 1951

Part VIII - Africa and Asia

These catalogues speak for themselves, and are well worth borrowing to compare with Scott's. Useful to the specialist.

PRECANCEL FANS - you who write in asking us for an up-to-date copy of a Precancel Catalog, which we were unable to supply. We have some good news for you. We have been promised an up-to-date Catalogue of Canadian Precancels, which will be donated by a well-known member. We'll review it in the next "Library Corner" - we should be in possession of it by the time you receive this News Letter. If interested, write in for it.

This is all there is room for this time. - Drop us a line to -
Herbert Buckland, Librarian
Port Perry, Ontario.

TO SALES DEPT. USERS

Notice of motion duly carried at the Annual Meeting held on Sept. 21, 1951:

"It was moved by Col. W. Gear and seconded by H.E. Canham, and was carried unanimously, that the Sales Manager's commission be increased from 12½% to 15% on sales made from members's books."

This motion was an amendment to the constitution as it then read, and was to go into effect on April 1/52. It represents a slight increase in commission, but will not affect any books in circulation in the Department prior to April 1, 1952.

It will, however, take effect on all books received from April 1, 1952 on.

In addition to this 15% commission, present insurance charges on books are 1% of the net total value of the book, with a minimum of 25¢ per book.

CLASSIFIED ADS

Will buy any UPU COVERS I can use, commercial preferred, but will not refuse FD's etc.
R. DeL French, 7481 Upper Lachine Rd., Montreal 28, Que.

I would like to exchange recent Canadian plate blocks with other collectors. East or West Coast collectors preferred. Stan. Hill, Route 1, Tecumseh, Ontario.

YOUR CLASSIFIED AD in the News-Letter can be inserted at the rate of \$1.00 for 25 words or less. Send to "News-Letter", Room 220, 73 Adelaide W., Toronto

NEWS OF THE CLUBS

It's Exhibition Time amongst the Clubs and from all over the country we get reports of an Exhibition that has either been held or is about to be held.

GRAND VALLEY STAMP CLUB, Kitchener, Ont. held their show on February 16th, and had 85 frames exhibited by adults and 18 by juniors. Over 250 people visited the show in only four hours. Incidentally, Alvin Guilford, president of the "San" Club mentioned elsewhere in this issue, won first prize for his exhibit which was voted 'most popular frame in the show'.

NORTH TORONTO STAMP CLUB, using the slogan 'The finest annual stamp exhibition in Canada' held their Annual Exhibition on Saturday, March 22nd and again they broke all records with 135 frames entered in seven classes, and twenty-one in the Inter-Club Competition. City Controller Saunders opened the show at 4.15 with the hall already crowded, and it stayed that way throughout the show. An aftermath was the interviewing of the first prize winners over the CBC Stamp Club of the Air on the following Saturday's programme. Raffles, Dealer's and Members' Bourse, Club and C.P.S. Sales Books all did a roaring business. The Grand Award, for the best exhibit in the Show, went to James Law, who also was the winner of the Canada 19th Century Class. The Inter-Club Contest went to a group known as the 'Foreign Stamp Circle', with 'East Toronto Stamp Club' second and the T.T.C. Club third.

EDMONTON STAMP CLUB found it necessary to increase their membership fee from \$1.50 to \$2.00 due to rising mailing and rental costs. However, they looked after their 'Juniors' and 'Out of Town Associates' by leaving their fees at the old rate. They have welcomed 8 new members in the last six weeks.

EAST TORONTO STAMP CLUB announce their coming Exhibition, April 26th in the hall of Donlands United Church, Donlands Ave. The Club has purchased some of the Capex frames and promise a bigger and better exhibition than ever before.

R A (Civil Service) STAMP CLUB, OTTAWA, held its Annual Banquet a few days ago at the Red Door Restaurant, with a Turkey Dinner. Mr. H. A. Stockwell, was the guest speaker and spoke on the production of a postage stamp. Over 70 guests attended the banquet, which also featured a large auction and fine door prizes.

GRAND RIVER VALLEY PHILATELIC SOCIETY, called April 5th their big day with the Brantford Stamp Club as the host club. With half a dozen clubs comprising the Association, they are always assured of a big day at their Exhibition, and no doubt a further report will reach us for the next issue.

HAMILTON PHILATELIC SOCIETY have their T. H. & B. Dinner scheduled for April 12th at Roberts Restaurant, King St. E., Hamilton, Ont.

Finally, THE C.P.S. ANNUAL BANQUET is at London, Ontario, April 19th, in conjunction with our Annual Meeting and Convention. Please to join us at the Dinner, even if you can't attend the full Convention Sessions.

Send us the news of the doings of your Club for the next issue.

THE SECRETARY SAYS:

With the end of another Society Year the Annual Fees become payable on April 1, 1952, and notices are being sent to all members at this time. The renewal fee for the year is \$3.00. Members are asked to co-operate by remitting to the Secretary at your earliest opportunity. We need the money, and have done mighty well during the last couple of months and paid most of our bills, but we have a few outstanding which require early attention. So help us out by remitting promptly.

What the Society really needs is a 'Good Samaritan' who would finance us over the rough spots - then we would go ahead like nobody's business. Alright, members, I'm waiting for your \$3.00, so send it to me as soon as you can.

Now it's

'All Aboard for London, Ontario,
April 17-18-19

We are calling our members to get 'Convention Conscious'. Time is very short and if you intend to visit London, Ont. and require reservations you should write as soon as possible to Dr. L. S. Holmes, Medical Arts Bldg., London

Dr. Holmes tells us that the Exhibition will be held in the Art Gallery of the Library; the Dinner and Auction on Saturday in the Masonic Temple. It is also possible that a trip may be arranged to Western University.

This is one of the rare chances that we have to get together as fellow-collectors, and to get a load off our mind by expressing opinions and solving mutual problems. Don't leave things to the last minute - plan now to come to London.

C. Woodhead, Secretary

AUSTRALIA



MORE NEW

AUSTRALIANS



Changes in postal rates have brought about the introduction of two new values in the Australian current series.

A dark brown 2/6 stamp is used mostly as the rate for telegrams and parcel post packages.

A dark blue 1/0 1/2, (surely a rather uncommon value) prepays combined postage and registration rates.

Both stamps went into circulation at Australian Post Offices on March 19th, 1952, and by now are available to collectors at the Australian Trade Commissioners Office, 100 Sparks St., Ottawa. All current issues of Australian stamps can be secured at the Ottawa office and new issues are usually on hand within a few days of their Australian issue.

NO AUCTION THIS MONTH

Due to the fact that a Special Auction is being held in connection with the Annual Meeting in London, Ont., and an Auction List of lots is now in your hands, it has been decided to forego the usual Donation Auction in this News Letter. However, next month we expect to be back with another small auction. Some lots are already to hand and we are hopeful that others will follow. We will gratefully accept any such set or stamps which any member may care to donate to the Society for this purpose.

In its progress as "Canada's National Philatelic Society, the C.P.S. continues to attract new members. Since the last list was published in our January issue, we welcome the following new members to C.P.S. ranks:

No.	Name	Address	City or Town
5453	Roger G. Trottier	91A Salaberry St.	Valleyfield, Que.
5454	J. C. G. Brown	Canadian Legation	Berne, Switzerland
5455	Mrs. C. H. Mumford	Fairacres Farm	Hampton, Ont.
5456	Lillian James	c/o Reg. Saunders Co., 84 Wellington St. W.,	Toronto, Ont.
5457	Lt. John R. Nugent	3899th Personnel Proc. Sq., Maxwell A.F.B.	Montgomery, Ala.
5458	Brig. A. W. Anderson	Wolseley Barracks	London, Ont.
5459	R. H. Ellis, c/o B. R. Brace	100 Merna Ave.	Hamilton, Ont.
5460	Raymond Smith	Apt. 9, Bldg. 1, Military Camp, S.H.E.P. P.C.	Via Port Credit, Ont.
5461	Yvonne E. Grosse		Spaniards Bay, Nfld.
5462	Les. E. Smith	Box 227	Ocean Falls, B.C.
5463	L. Morrissette	P.O.Box 43, 3233 St. Foye Rd.	St. Foye, Que.
5464	Judge R. S. Clark	Box 403	Guelph, Ont.
5465	Harold R. Cheney	215 Woodmount Ave.	Toronto 6, Ont.
5466	Frank S. Crichton	6 Lindsay St. S.	Lindsay, Ont.
5467	Miss M. H. Fraser	52 Park Avenue	Galt, Ont.