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A PRESIDENTIAL MESSAGE

BY WILLIAM H. FREEMAN PRESIDENT-ELECT 1952-53

As a relatively recent newcomer on the Board of Directors of The Canadian Philatelic Society, it is a thrill to have placed in my hands the leadership of the Society for the ensuing year, the year of our Silver Jobilee, and I can but thank you for your trust and confidence.

Let us pause for a moment, and envisage our task for this coming year. The Canadian Philatelic Society is our National Society, and, as such, represents Canada in the World's philatelic councils. We must keep it in a place of honour and see that its voice is heard at all times in the interests of World Philately.

At home, the Canadian Philatelic Society is the representative and voice of every philatelist, and every philatelist should be a member. We have a long way to go to accomplish this, but we can work to attain as large a membership as is possible. Get all your friends, and their friends, to join without delay.

The President and Executive of any organization is no stronger than its membership, and I hope that in the course of the 25th year of our history, and in the measure of our capacities, we shall windicate your trust in us but to do so, we can but rely on YOUR support, on the support of every single member. You may collect Canada, the Commonwealth, France, or any of the other countries you may be of English or French descent, or of any other origin, but YOU are a Canadian philatelist, and I therefore ask you to support your National Society to the fullest extent of your capabilities. So, let us all pull together, and make 1952-55, our Silver Jubilee Year, a landmark in the annals of our Society.

Now, before closing my first message to you, a word to our members from French Canada:

Vous avez bien voulu me temoigner de votre confiance en moi en m'elevant a la presidence de la Canadian Philatelic Society pour cette annee, au cours de laquelle nous celebrons notre Jubile d'Argent, et j'espere qu'au cours de mon mandat j'arriverai a faire aussi bien que mes predecesseurs, mais, pour y arriver, il me faut VOTRE appui. Que vous collectionniez le Canada, la France, les pays de la Communaute briatannique, ou autres pays, vous etes philateliste canadien et en cette qualite, je vous demande votre appui sincere et fidele. Donc, tous ensemble, solidement unis, nous arriverons a fair de notre 25eme anneela plus belle de toute notre histoire.

And now, wherever you are, I trust you will not heeitate to write or see me concerning any matters of a philatelic nature, particularly such as relate to the welfare of our Society and its activity. As your President, I am here to serve you, but I cannot deal with your particular problem until you tell me what it is.

So let's pool our talents and resources, and move on, with our Society to the greatest year of its history -- our Silver Jubilee Year - 1952-1953.

William H. Freeman, President-elect,

A RED CROSS COMMEMORATIVE

Now it has been officially announce. that a 4¢ commemorative stamp will be issued during July (date of issue not official as yet) and that the stamp will be a departure in several ways from most of our previous stamps. For some time we have been hearing of the possibility of a commemorative to be issued by Canada on the occasion of the 18th International Red Cross Conference in Toronto this summer. It will be printed in two colors, red and blue, only the 3rd occasion when Canada has is sued two colored stamps, and two processes will be used - the blue by line-engraving process and a Red Cross superimposed on the design by the offset process. The design is to show rays of light and a "sunburst" centred with a Red Cross. Illustrations are not yet available.

REPORT OF THE CONVENTION

On April 18th and 19th, your Society held a most successful Convention in London, Ontario, under the auspices of the London Philatelic Society. It was attended by a fair number of delegates end members, and the nearby cities and towns were well represented.

The Exhibition, held in the Art Gallary of the Library, consisted of approximately 30 frames. The Exhibits were presented by members of the London Society, and were non-competitive, being a "Court of Honour" only. In addition, there was a Government Exhibit of five frames, one of which displayed the drawing and die-proof of the 2¢ value of a set of five stamps (1¢ to 5¢) which were to have been issues shortly with King George VI profile. We assume these stamps will never be issued.

We have no report on the Bourse Tables, but C.P.S. Sales Books were well patronized during the Friday and Saturday sessions. The Annual Meeting was just fairly attended, but reports from the various officers were excell-ent, and the coming year ahead looks very good. Incidentally, the slogan will be - "1953, the Silver Jubilee", during our next twelve months.

Many of the members and friends enjoyed a trip to the University of Western Ontario on the Saturday morning, and had the pleasure of seeing the great collection of stamps which are on display in the Reference Library. Once again we got a look at another 12d black, and some very fine material.

The Dinner was held in the Masonic Temple, and attended by 140 delegates, wives and friends. Mr. Fred Jarrett was persuaded to sing for the folks, but he excels much better with the Hat Trick. An Auction followed the dinner (200 lots) and good prices were realized. Many of those present were lucky winners of valuable prizes in the draw during the Dinner.

The Society wishes to go on record to thank Dr. Holmes and his hard-working committee for staging the Convention, and all the details which go to put these affairs over.

> C. Woodhe ad.

IN FUTURE ISSUES

To introduce new Directors and Officers to the membership, we propose, in the next few issues, to bring you a message from some of them, and tell you a little about the ones who have joined the Board for the first time. On your behalf we welcome them to the service of your Society, and assure them that there is a big job to be accomplished and which we feel they are highly capable of handling.

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PUBLICITY FOR THE C.P.S.

During the recent London Convention, the C.P.S. received excellent publicity in both picture and story

in the local press.

In the Saturday is sue of the London Free Press, page three contained a big three column illustration showing our new Secretary-Treasurer examining the plates and dies of the new stamps of our regular issue bearing the profile of George VI, which would have shortly replaced the present stamps. but the issue of which was of course cancelled by his death.

Below the picture was a two col-

umn story about the Convention. On page 8 of the same issue, one could see pictures of Messrs. Baulch, Freeman, Green and Woodhead, together with a story about plans for Jubilee Year" of the Society.

EDITORIAL

Co-incident with this issue of the News Letter, a new group of Officers and Directors have taken over the operation of C. P. S. Bill Freeman has succeeded to the Presidency, Miss Mae Hanselman has become 1st Vice President, and the offices of Secretary and Treasurer have been combined under the care of Fred Green. Newcomers to the Board of Directors are A. G. Canham, of Regina; Victor Crouse of Windsor and Rev. D. Goodger of Ayr, Ont., while Bert Baulch and Cyril Woodhead, who served the society as two of your officers last year, now become members of the Board and will continue to give us the benefit of their experience.

But it would not be fitting to pass from one slate to another without paying tribute to those who served the Society so well last year.

Last year was probably one of the most difficult in the history of the Society because during the year it was necessary to completely overhaul the make-up and operation of the Society, when our former General Secretary, Phil McCabe resigned. Into this breach Bert Baulch, Cyril Woodhead and George Wegg stepped, and carried on until the Capex Convention, at which Bert assumed the Presidency and Cyril the job as Secretary, while Fred Green came along to become Treasurer. They, with the Board of Directors, took steps to rejuvenate the Society, through its publications and the library, as well as in many other ways, and it was very largely through the efforts of this small group that we approached this year's annual meeting in a greatly improved position. Bert Baulch gave much time to the Society despite a great increase in his responsibilities with the Society for Crippled Children. Cyril had taken on the Secretary's work in addition to the major job as Sales Manager. And no one will deny that they did a fine job which probably did a great deal to keep the Society going in a difficult period.

So, while we welcome and congratulate the newcomers to this year's Board and Officers, we give much credit to those who did their job well, and are still prepared to act on this year's Board giving us the benefit of their experience and ideas.

There's a big job ahead for the new Officers and Directors, but their task has been made somewhat easier by the excellent work carried on by those who served the Society last year. There is every reason to believe that we are on the verge of a great step forward in the affairs of our Society as we enter into our 1952-1953 Jubilee Year.

Let's all work together and support our new officers and directors by boosting the Society among our fellow collectors and friends.

NAME

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MEMB. NO.

TOWN

THE C.P.S. DONATION AUCTION

Thanks to some of our members and friends whose kind donations have made it possible for us to offer you another Mail Auction this month. Look over this list - mark in your bid for the ones you want - and mail it to C.P.S. News Letter, Room 220, 73 Adelaide St. W., Toronto to reach us not later than June 10th.

Lot	No.	Description	Your Bid
1.		MONTSERRAT - George VI - fine mint copies of current set. 2d - 5/ They're beauties	
2.		CAYMAN ISLANDS - George VI - beautiful mint set from 4d. to 10/- Cat. value \$5.71	• • • • • • •
3.		NICARAGUA - Roosevelt Commemorative Airmails. 6 stamps - mint condition	
4.		CANADA - 3d. Beaver, 4 ring, '21' cancellation; Scott's No. 4. Catalogues \$8.50. Good shape.	000000
5.		CANADA #124 - Vertical pair used of the 1914 Coil, 2¢ carmine, perf. 8 horizontal. Very slight tear in top stamps: Listed by Sissons at \$3.50. Scarce used as verticals.	
6.		BARBADOS - Mint Blocks of 4 of Centenary Set of Barbados Postage - April 15, 1852-1952. Brand new, and a thing of beauty, which should some day be one of the good things to have.	
7.		CANADA - another batch of 50 copies of the 1898 2¢ purple. Nice for the shade collector	•••••
8.		GERMANY - Hitler set, overprinted Ostland in black. Mint. 18 stamps in set 1 to 80 Mk.	
9.		BRITISH COLONIES - an assortment of 50 stamps mounted in a C.P.S. Sales Book which was withdrawn from the Sales Circuit. Priced at \$3.75. Mostly low values, George VI, or 1935 Jubilees.	
C.P.S. Donation Auction, Room 220 - 73 Adelaide St. W., Toronto.			
Please enter the bids above. I will remit promptly			

the amount of any successful bids on receipt of advice from you.

NEWS OF THE CLUBS

It's Banquet and Exhibition Time on the Stamp Club Circuit, as stamp clubs move towards the close of their respective seasons. Last issue we publicized a number of coming Exhibitions and Banquets - North Toronto, East Toronto, Hamilton, Grand Valley, Brantford, and others, to say nothing of our own C.P.S. 'do'.

From reports we have received interest in philately remains at a high level everywhere, for most of the reporting Clubs indicated their Banquet and/or Exhibition was 'the best ever'.

NORTH TORONTO were 'amazed' with the big crowds attending their event;

EAST TORONTO reported a big improvement both in interest and in quantity and quality of entries;

BRANTFORD CLUB played hosts to Grand River Valley Association, and 13 Clubs were represented among those present, including the C.P.S. and all the main Toronto and Hamilton Clubs. Our own V.P.-elect, Mae Hanselman, as Honorary President of the Brantford Club, took charge of the dinner programme, which included such features as fine auction material, lucky draws and pictures.

WESTMOUNT STAMP CLUB have yet to hold their annual Exhibition, which is to take place in Victoria Hall, Westmount, May 14, 16 and 17. Westmount members took many honors at Capex and similar shows recently, so to give other members a break, such prize-winners have been put in a class by themselves at their own show. Sounds like a first-class answer to those who say 'No use me exhibiting - I wouldn't have chance'.

This club also report celebrating on April 17th their 600th meeting as an organized club. To commemorate it, a Life Membership was presented to Mr. R.H.M. Falls, who was the Club's first President. Mr. Falls said that three individuals started the Club, and it now has 225 members, as well as sponsoring a Junior Club of 50 members. The annual 'Red Cross Auction' was a further feature of the evening.

REGINA PHILATELIC SOCIETY suffered a grievous loss in the sudden passing of their President, Harold S. Brown, as mentioned elsewhere in this issue, but as Harold would have wished, they are carrying on with plans for a Dinner & Auction on May 26th. Their May 11th meeting was to consider election of a new President and Vice-President, but report of it has not yet reached us.

FIRST DAY ENVELOPES FOR RED CROSS COMMEMORATIVE

4 for 25¢; 10 for 55¢; 20 for \$1.00 Attractive two-color design MAE HANSELMAN, Box 354, BRANTFORD, ONT.

ABOUT YOUR ANNUAL FEES

Your Directors are very pleased at the prompt response of many members to their appeal for prompt renewal of menbership for the new year commencing on April 1st. The handy cheque form devised by the Treasurer proved really offective, as renewals began to pour in within 48 hours of the mailing of the notice, and have been coming in steadily ever since. We like to think it indicates appreciation on the part of the members of the sincere efforts on the part of your Directors and Officer to rejuvenate the activity of the Society in the past seven months.

Such prompt returns has enabled us to pay up all back accounts, but we're conscious of the fact that these renew als constitute the major part of funds which must last us a full year and 'gocareful' continues to be the policy of

the Society's Directors.

Renewal time, however, is also the occasion for a few resignations yearly and we sincerely regret the loss of a few who for reasons of their own have decided not to rejoin for the new year. We hope that in due course they will be back in our membership ranks again.

Then, of course, there are some who meant to renew promptly, but put the notice aside = and never quite got around to sending it in. If that statement happens to fit your case, be a good fellow and dig out the notice fill in the cheque, or attach your own and mail it in to the Treasurer today. He'll welcome it with open arms, with your assured support, the Directors can proceed with plans to ensure that you get your money's worth.

And while you're taking care that your own membership fee is paid up, it would be a grand gesture if you would talk some fellow-collector into becoming a member of Canada's National Socie ty also.



ANOTHER CHANGE IN AUSTRALIA

Confusion between the colours of 2 stamps in the current issue is responsible for yet another change for the stamps of this country. With 3½d. stamp in a reddish brown, and a 6½d. stamp in a brown also, and both of the same design, it was felt that some change was required to avoider-rors both on the part of the public, and of the postal clerks.

Effective April 9th, therefore, the 62d. stamps were altered in color are are now being printed in green.

Since these are of comparatively recent issue, it may be that the discontinued stamps may turn out to be a good item in a short time.

"THE PHILATELIST" IS A-COMIN'

After some delays, unfortunately unavoidable, the "Canadian Philatelist" has now gone to press, and is due for release to you about the first of June. The magazine, although only a quarterly publication, is rather costly to our Society, and at a Director's Meeting last week considerable time was spent in discussing how it could be made to best fulfil its purpose. Frankly, we have missed several issues due to lack of funds and other reasons, because no one in our voluntary organization had sufficient time to go out and sell the advertising necessary to support such a magazine. However, with an Advertising Manager now appointed in Percy Bennett this situation should improve. for he is working hard to assure adequate advertising support which will permit the "Philatelist" to make a regular appearance from now on.

Dealers, or others amongst mailing list, who can use advertising space in a publication reaching 1200 collectors, should contact "Perce" as soon as possible forfull particulars.

We do feel, however, that we can now promise that the quarterly "Canadian Philatelist" will now commence to make its appearance on schedule, under the direction of Editor, Doug. Patrick.

LIBRARY CORNER

Material for 'Library Corner', which has been an important feature of the News-Letter is past issues, has not been received this month in time to allow space in this issue.

No doubt you good members have kept Herb. Buckland so busy with your requests for service that he was unable to get his material together in time.

'Library Corner' should make its return to our columns next month.

CLASSIFIED ADVTS.

WANTED - Inside pictures Capex to postcard size. Describe, price before sending. Also want current precancels Canada. Limit 5 each - offer good trade. 200 Kent, Kitchener.

CANADA

New 20¢, ovprint G, Plates Set 1 & 2, mint \$7.05, Used \$7.40, Singles, 23¢ mint, 23¢ used. Centred plain set of plates \$8.60; Set (16) G issues mint \$4.12, used \$4.25. Free list of G overpr. plate blocks. Want lists filled, perfed OHMS, m & u. HIL KRUGER, BOX 182, OUTREMONT, P.Q.

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.

SISTER SOCIETY COMES OF AGE

It was in 1931 that a few collectors organized a group known as the Christmas Seal and Stamp Society with the object of getting into one organization all collectors of seals, and to gather and disseminate information on this interesting part of our hobby.

In 1952 they celebrate their 21st birthday, and now have members in all states of the USA, and most provinces of Canada, many parts of the British Empire, and some 12 other countries. They issue an annual membership roster and periodically print and revise seal catalogue, as well as operate an Exchange and Sales Department.

They are aiming at securing their 1000th member in the next few months, and their president, J. L. Cooprider, Central High School, Evansville, Ind. has offered \$1000 in TB Bonds to the person who becomes that 1000th member, as well as a gift block of U.S. T.B. Christmas Seals bearing the printer's secret mark to all interested readers who send a self-addressed stamped envelope to him.

Our members who are interested in this class of collection may be glad to write to Mr. Cooprider,

WE ARE GRATEFUL

that so many of our members co-operated in the past few months in our Monthly Donation Auction - some by sending in material to be auctioned - others by bidding generously on the material so The Auctions were started sent in. as an aid to the Society in meeting its obligations at a time of the year when little financial help could be expected in the way of renewals or of new membership fees. They helped considerably in this respect, some \$75. going to the Treasury of the Society through the generosity of both sides of the deal. It made it a little easier to make both ends meet during a difficult period of the year.

The fun of 'Playing the Auction' must have appealed to our members too, for we are receiving letters asking us to continue them in future issues - some of the letters have enclosed donation material for the Auctions. While it was our intention to stage these mail Auctions only for that special period, we do have some material still on hand which members donated for the purpose and we believe they will want it to be used for the purpose intended.

So, while such material is on hand, a Donation Auction will be a feature of each News-letter, all proceeds going into Society funds to be used in improving its services to collectors.