

THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The last call for information for the roster of the Society will be found in this issue. We plan to publish in the same cover a list of all the items in the Society Library now. In early January we were sorry to hear of the death of Sir John Von Tullekin, a retired Major of the Army of the Netherlands. Toronto collectors were well acquainted with Sir John, who on several occasions gave interesting talks on engraving and color. One of his specialties was the collection of black engraved stamps.

A slip was made in the listing of affiliated clubs in the last bulletin. It is the Nova Scotia Stamp Club that is affiliated with us in the Maritimes. President is Mr. E. K. Allen. They meet the 2nd Tuesday, Oct. to May, in the homes of members. Visitors should contact Mr. Allen at 150 South St., that city.

We know of several members who have written to the Postal Authorities of Great Britain urging that they do not abandon the idea of issuing a short set of stamps to commemorate the Centenary of the Postage Stamp. A short set would be welcomed by collectors the world over on such an historic occasion. Owing to the slowness of the mails the plea of your Society was recently cabled to the P.M.G. Incidentally this would provide a small portion of the much needed foreign exchange from abroad. Need I remind you dear fellow collectors that every unused British Empire stamp that goes into a collection represents a government security on which no interest is payable and which the government will never be called upon to redeem.

Great Britain; unlike some foreign countries, has never over-indulged in the matter of commemorative postage stamps and to pass up a historical occasion of this kind seems to the writer to be carrying conservatism to a foolish degree.

E. S. Ball, Pres.

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EDITORIAL.

Here we are back again with some more information about those early machine cancellations. It is likely that this will be the cue for you, dear reader, to skip this paragraph, as not a single member by word of mouth or letter let on that he read the information in previous articles. A fellow conspirator, Mr. L.H. Dodd, of Detroit, however, is the author of an article which started in the Dec. issue of Postal Markings. This article is fully illustrated and this magazine is recommended to those interested in all kinds of postal markings. The publisher is W. R. Stewart, 8 S. Clinton St., Chicago. It is a monthly publication. Sample copies may be obtained from the publisher at a charge of 15¢ in low value U.S. mint stamps. Mr. Dodd's articles are entitled Imperial Cancels, all cancellations described in these columns have or will be illustrated in Postal Markings.

Corrections to article on Montreal Cancellations in October Bulletin:

- Type 1 - Earliest date of cancellation reported - March 25th, 1896.
Latest date of cancellation reported - June 4th, 1896.
- Type 2 - In use on April 11th and April 16th 1896. While a goodly number of stamps showing part of this cancellation are to be had, complete cancellation covers are hard to locate.
- Type 3 - Earliest reported date of use June 27th, 1896 and last day reported Feb. 22, 1897. There were six machines in use in Montreal in this period namely, A, B,C,D,E,F. Note that type of cancellation between June 4th & June 27th is in doubt. Note that type of cancellation between Feb. 22nd & June 20th, 1897 is in doubt.
- Type 3A - A NEW TYPE. On Feb. 5th, 1897 and Feb. 23rd 1897, one of the Type 3 machines may have been out of service or another make of machine on trial. This cancellation consists of seven straight lines with the central bar broken for the word "Canada". The bars are 20 mm wide overall. The Word "Canada" is 25mm. long. This cancellation is unique in that the bars are not all the same length, each bar ends 3 mm from the date hub. The two outside bars are 64 mm long and the centre broken bar 59 mm long.
- Type 4 - Mr. Dodd reports 2 different date hubs on this Montreal Jubilee cancellation.
- Type 5 - Hub used in this cancellation is different from type 4. It was in service as late as July 12, 1897.
- Type 6 - This type was brought into use in at least one machine as early as July 2, 1897. This would make its use concurrent with the Jubilee Cancellations.
- Type 7 - Type 6 was converted into type 7 by the addition of two heavy horizontals between Apr. 12th and June 6th, 1898.
- Type 8 - Dodd suggests that this type be listed as 1A instead of Type 8. As its use is three years later than Type 1 there is room for argument on this matter.
- Type 9 - Identifying letters were added previous to July 6th, 1900. Machines were six in number, A,B,C,D,E,F. Type 7 was in use as late as Dec. 1899.
- Type 10- Was in service as early as April 5th, 1900 and as late as June 11th, 1901.
- Type 11- Was in service as early as May 30th 1902 and as late as Oct. 9th, 1902.

Corrections to Cancellation Articles in November Bulletin:

Toronto - Type 3c. Cancellations from the three machines D,E,F, have distinct differences. The Union Jack part of the flag is longer on the cancellation from Machine F. The oval of Machine E is slightly smaller than D or F. The easiest difference to pick is the overall distance from the point of the oval to the flagstaff - 36 mm on machine E and 38 on machines D and F

Cancellations (Continued)

OTTAWA - Type 1 was listed as being in use in July 1896. Covers located to date show that this type was in use from May 1 to the end of October 1896 at least.

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PROPOSALS FOR MEMBERSHIP

Mr. A.K. Grimmer, Temiskaming, Que. proposed by Mr. Chas. Foster.
Mr. R.A. Jamieson, Almonte, Ont. " " Mr. H. Buckland.

(Any objections to proposals to membership in the Canadian Philatelic Society must be in writing to a member of the Board within 15 days of the publication of names in the official bulletin).

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COMING EVENTS

The St. Catharines Club have postponed their exhibition and dinner until April 6th. It is to be held at the Oddfellows' Hall, 15 Queen St., St. Catharines, Ont.
Mr. A.S. Deaville, of the Philatelic Branch Post Office Dept., Ottawa. will be the guest speaker. He will give an illustrated address on "The Line Engraving Process of Manufacturing Stamps". Space will be available for dealers at \$1.00 per space.

Hamilton Philatelic Society - The Annual Toronto-Hamilton-Buffalo meeting with Hamilton as the Host Club will be held at the Royal Connaught Hotel, Saturday, May 4th. The speaker is to be Mr. E. Jarvis, of the Kenmore Stamp Co. Bourse tables will be available at a small charge. The Exhibition will be by invitation and will be mostly G.B. and B.N.A. stamps. They have promise of 130 album pages to date and expect to double it.

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THE NEW DIRECTORY

Many members sent in their list of what they collected for the last year's list. Only those who sent in their own list had one sent to them. This year all members will be listed whether their specialties are available or not. Should you want your listing complete it must be in the hands of our President before Feb. 12th. Your Directors felt that many members would like to avail themselves of a small display advertisement and space is available at a charge of \$1.00 for a space about 4 inches by 1 inch. Quarter page, Half Page and Full Page spaces are available at \$2.00, \$4.00 & \$8.00 resp.

Copy and remittance for display advertisements must be in the hands of Mr. A.L. Reid before Feb. 12th. Every collector who takes up your specialty makes your collection more valuable. This directory will be forwarded to all paid up members of the Society with the March Bulletin. It will not be necessary to write to both Dr. Ball and Mr. Reid to insure listing in both sections of the directory.

Along with the names and addresses of our members, the directory will list an index of articles in our library. The completeness of this index will depend upon the number of pages that we are able to publish of display advertisements. To give you an idea of the variety of articles in our library the typewritten list consists of 28 single spaced foolscap pages. Mr. Reid reports that the Toronto dealers are responding splendidly to his efforts. Dr. E.S. Ball's address is 21 Preston Place, Toronto, and Mr. A.L. Reid's address is 58 Oak Park Ave. Do not forget the dead line is Feb. 12th.

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NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING

Take Notice that the Annual Meeting of the Society will be held in the Royal York Hotel, Toronto, on Saturday April 13th, 1940, at 2 p.m. for the purpose of receiving and considering the report of the Officers and Directors for the year 1939. At this meeting there will also be elected the Directors for 1940. The Board of Directors will meet immediately after the elections for the purpose of electing a President, Vice-President, Treasurer and Secretary and will appoint necessary officers for 1940.

Nominations for Directors (8) must be in writing and in the hands of the Recording Secretary, Mr. W.J. Cafley, 201 Millwood Rd. Toronto, at least thirty days before the date of the Annual Meeting. Those nominating and nominated must be paid-up members on the records of the Society on or before the closing date of nominations. After the closing of nominations the Secretary will mail the list of nominees and proxy forms for voting purposes to those entitled to same. Instructions re the use of these proxies will accompany same and will also be published in the official bulletin.

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A NEW BOOK ON CANADIAN STAMPS

Just as we go to press we receive a new book entitled "Canadian Stamps". This is being published by "Stamp Collecting", London, England. The price is one dollar. It is a large page, 120 page book. It will be review in a later Bulletin, but in the meantime would say it should be in the hands of every serious collector of Canadian Stamps. This book will be invaluable to anyone wishing to write up their collection as it lists (without pricing) date of issue, including that of coils and booklet panes; number of stamps printed (where available); plate numbers, differences in shades, and the more important varieties.