

**VOLUNTEERS**

**WANTED**

for Active Service in  
CANADA'S NATIONAL PHILATELIC SOCIETY

What are you doing for your fellow-C.P.S.-Member?

The obligation cannot be measured in dollars and cents - or the trifling membership fee you pay in the Society. You should measure up to your status as a Collector by contributing something more to the C.P.S.

Here's some things you can do .....

News gathering in your own district for the News Letter or the Canadian Philatelist ... Line up advertisers for the "Philatelist" especially the Special Capex Issue in the Fall ... Be a local "membership secretary" in your district by enlisting your own friends and fellow-collectors in the ranks of the Society...Send in articles of philatelic interest ...

We are setting out to build a better and more effective C.P.S. and there's lots of room for you to help.

We're looking for assistance in every community and district in the country.

Perhaps you've said "If I were C.P.S. President (or Secretary) I'd show them how the Society could better serve its members.

Well - here's your chance. All these little suggestions can be stepping-stones to these Executive Offices. Start off by being a local C.P.S. man now. Who knows? Perhaps in a very short time you'll be a National figure in Philatelic Circles as a member of the Executive of Canada's National Philatelic Society.

Write to the Executive Offices today and tell us what part you are ready to play in building the Canadian Philatelic Society.

**ANNOUNCE NEW STAMPS**

Speaking at the Annual Banquet of the Ottawa Philatelic Society, Col. L. J. Mills, Director of Financial Services, Post Office Dept., gave the first news of the Departments plans for new commemorative stamps to be issued to coincide with the CAPEX displays and the centenary of Canadian Postage Stamps next September.

In all, four stamps will make their appearance in Canadian Post Offices on September 24th, 1951. The overriding theme of three of these will be the progress made in the distribution of mail during the century. A four cent stamp showing a wood-burning locomotive of 1851 and a modern diesel of today will depict progress in rail transportation; a five cent stamp will illustrate mail steamers of 1851 and 1951; a seven cent stamp will depict a stage coach of 1851 and a "North Star" air liner of today. They will be in single colours (no announcement was made as to what colors) and of attractive design.

Because many suggestions have been received that this commemorative series should reproduce the design of some of the first stamps of Canada, the Department had decided on one additional stamp of 15¢ value on which would be reproduced in a suitable setting the "beaver" design used on the first three-penny stamp of Canada.

Mr. Mills stated that the department had received a wide variety of suggestions for the designs of these commemorative stamps, many of them highly appropriate, others which were not at all acceptable to the department, but it was felt that the chosen theme served the purpose of commemorating suitably Canada's first hundred years of postal service.

No doubt further information will soon be forthcoming as to the colors of the various stamps, and probably advance illustrations will make their appearance at an early date, together with information as to arrangements to be made for "first-day" service - at least part of which has already been assured for "CAPEX".

**AT BAT FOR C.P.S.**

Voluntarily setting up a small committee to gather and pass on to C.P.S. members through the columns of the News Letter and "The Philatelist", news of Club activities in Western Ontario, the Brantford Club is blazing new trails in co-operation between member clubs and the Society.

The Brantford Committee is composed of the following active members of the Brantford Stamp Club: - J. Barchino, 291 Murray St.; A. R. Gray, 10 Carlyle St.; Mae Hanselman, 207 Dalhousie St.; E. D. Taylor, 293 Nelson Street; A. Thompson, 132 Dalhousie St.; R. Williamson, 99 West Colborne St.; J. Wortley, 36 St. George St.

They have undertaken to keep all C.P.S. members informed of philatelic doings in the clubs located in south-western Ontario, and the first fruits of their labors can be seen in the Club Reports contained elsewhere in this issue.

Here's a good idea. Congratulations to Brantford in starting it off. Now what live wire club or individual in Eastern or Northern Ontario - or in British Columbia - or Manitoba - or Nova Scotia - will undertake to uphold the honor of their part of the country.

All power to the clubs in Western Ontario. They're doing things and telling the world about them.

**ANNUAL**

We are now in a position to announce officially that the Annual Meeting of the Canadian Philatelic Society will be held in conjunction with CAPEX on Friday and Saturday Morning Sept. 21 and 22, in the Automotive Building of the Canadian National Exhibition, As previously explained, this is so that members who are planning to visit CAPEX can also attend the annual meeting of Canada's National Philatelic Society.

**NOTICE TO ALL CLUB EXECUTIVES:**

The next issue of "THE CANADIAN PHILATELIST" will contain a Directory of Canadian Stamp Clubs. We want to be as accurate and make it as complete as possible - and to do so we must have your help. We want to list all Stamp Clubs in Canada - whether they are affiliated with the C.P.S. or not. Will YOU accept responsibility for seeing that your local Club is properly listed by sending in today the following information:

1. Club Name
2. President's Name & Address
3. Secretary's Name and Address
4. Number of Members
5. Date and Place of Meeting
6. Names of other clubs in your community.

Please send this information at once to the Secretary, C.P.S., 15 Richmond Street East, Toronto.

Make sure your Club appears in the Directory by sending us the information yourself. Don't wait for some other member to do it. They may be waiting for you.

**THE PROFIT MOTIVE**

No money in stamps? Who says so!

In 1930, 200 copies of the stamp we know as C-2 could be purchased at their face value of \$10.00. Today, just over 20 years later, those 200 copies would return the handsome amount of \$500.00. What an investment in just 20 years.

There are many other Canadian stamps which have proven to be good investment bets also. Back in 1897, the Jubilees appeared in the post offices. Not many thought of them as investments in those days, but if a shrewd collector had decided to buy one sheet of 100 of each value -  $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢ to \$5.00 - he would have had to lay out the tidy sum of \$1,600 for them. Many years ago he could have had excellent interest on his investment, but if he had them today he'd be in a little better financial condition to deal with today's high cost of living for the complete set of one hundred each is quoted today at \$18,250.00.

Most collectors claim their interest in stamp collecting centres around their intrinsic and historic worth and not from the profit motive. However, for the investment-minded, it is nice to know that Canadian Stamps have always stood up well in the world markets

**BOOST!**

Are you a C.P.S. Booster? Believe it or not, there are members of the Society who are not. Not that this is a unique condition among members of clubs - every club, lodge, society, yes, even church, has its deadwood who neither want to do anything to boost it themselves or co-operate with others in doing the boosting. Here in the C.P.S., in this CAPEX year, there's a lot of hard work to be accomplished in the re-organizing of the Society. Be a BOOSTER, not a KNOCKER.

## NEWS OF THE CLUBS

**NORTH TORONTO STAMP CLUB** The week end that your News Letter is distributed is a big one for this progressive Toronto Club. It is the occasion of their Annual Exhibition, Banquet and Bourse - an event which plays a big part in Toronto's philatelic life, being looked forward to each year by many Toronto collectors, including many of the members of Toronto's other clubs. March 17th is the date, and the Exhibition will feature "One Hundred Years of Canadian Stamps" with many special exhibits. The club has received some fine advance publicity from the Toronto press, and will no doubt, as usual, have a fine day.

**HAMILTON PHILATELIC SOCIETY** are the hosts to the Annual T.H. & B. Party, which is being held at the Wentworth Arms, Hamilton, Ont. on Saturday, March 31st. There is an Exhibition and Bourse commencing at 2.00 p.m. with an Auction being held before the annual Dinner which is scheduled for 6.30. Tickets are \$2.50 each, and collectors in the region are welcome to join in these Toronto-Hamilton-Buffalo festivities. These joint dinners are events of many years standing and rank high in the list of philatelic events in this part of Ontario.

**GRAND RIVER VALLEY PHILATELIC ASSOCIATION** are holding a Dutch Dinner in the Blue Moon Hotel, Petersburg, Ont. - 5 miles west of Kitchener on #7 Highway to Stratford, with a Bourse at 2.30 p.m.; Auction at 4.30 p.m. and Dinner at 6.30 p.m. The B.F. GOODRICH STAMP CLUB, KITCHENER, are the host club, but our correspondent neglected to give the date in his report. However, interested Western Ontario philatelists can get this information from any of the clubs comprising the Grand River Valley Association.

**BRANTFORD STAMP CLUB** are holding a Donation Auction of March 26th with the proceeds going to the Brant Historical Society to aid in the purchase of a building for a museum of Cultural Arts in Brantford. Also of philatelic interest in the Brantford area is the Crafts Show to be held in the Brantford Armouries on Friday April 6th and Saturday, April 7th. The Brantford Junior Stamp Club and West Brant Junior Stamp Club will have exhibits at this Craft Show. Even the Juniors are on their toes in the Brantford area.

**OTTAWA PHILATELIC SOCIETY** held its Annual Banquet in the Quebec Suite of the Chateau Laurier Hotel, Ottawa, on March 1st, and it was featured by an after-dinner address of Col. L. J. Mills, Director of Financial Services, Post Office Department, at which he made the first public pronouncement as to the nature of the commemorative stamps which will be issued on the occasion of the CAPEX show in September. Details of his announcement will be found elsewhere in this issue of the News Letter. Other important guests at the Banquet were the Italian Ambassador and the Belgian Ambassador to Canada, Mr. J.R. Carpenter, head of the Philatelic Branch, and Dr. Polley, President of the R.A. Stamp Club. 58 members and guests were in attendance.

**LONDON PHILATELIC SOCIETY** at its March 9th meeting held a Benefit Auction for the local Boy Scouts Movement. Members donated various lots and when they were auctioned off, the entire proceeds were turned over to this worthy work. They tell us that another recent meeting featured a lively and interesting discussion of the new Dollar stamp, and that the club has a fine programme of meetings lined up for succeeding dates on the society's calendar.

## HOW ABOUT YOUR CLUB?

Western Ontario is doing fine - but how about your club? No doubt it's active, too!

Your fellow collectors would like to know about it. Perhaps you've got some program ideas from some of their reports. Why not give them the benefit of the good things your club is doing to further the interests of your hobby? Send in a report of what you are doing or planning to do. Invite visiting members to participate in your club events by advising them of the date.

## LISTEN

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THE C.B.C. STAMP CLUB OF THE AIR

EVERY SATURDAY - 12.30 to 12.45 p.m.  
Eastern Standard TimeOn the C.B.C. Trans-Canada Network of  
of 39 Canadian StationsUnder the Direction of Doug. Patrick,  
Editor of the C.P.S. Quarterly - "The  
Canadian Philatelist"

## The Sales Department

Keep coming, fellows, and take advantage of this regular feature of the C.P.S. Now is the time to hurry and get your books into the sales circuits so that there will be lots of time for them to circulate before they are retired at the end of June. Already a number of the books which started out in the early Fall have been retired and returned to the owners for refilling. We don't hold the books indefinitely, as soon as they have had good circulation among the membership they are withdrawn and settlement made with the owner.

Sales in February hit a new high - over \$500.00 - bringing the season total to over \$2100.00. Some of our affiliated clubs get these books for sales at their meetings. So if you think the Society has nothing to offer you, you'd better look into this Department and see if it can't help you - in either direction - supplying you with the ones you're looking for - or selling for you the ones you don't want.

Complaints from members circulating books are few. We show no favoritism - nobody gets advance peeks at new books. The books come in - and out they go in the order that requests are received for that class of material.

What are you looking for? We are very strong in British Empire stamps and usually around half catalogue - oodles of West Indies, a fair amount of Canada and quite a selection of foreign - old and new. We sell lots of low priced items and recently one Sierra Leone Commem. at \$10.00. We have everything and have a market for most everything from 1¢ to \$10.00 sale price. Write me for a selection today - or send me one of yours for circulating.

Cyril Woodhead, Sales Mgr.,  
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Toronto, Ontario.

Ed. Note: Your Editor had his first whirl at the Sales Circuits this month. Boy, there was a lot of nice stuff sent me and I got several that I'd been looking for for some time. Put a book of my own in the circuit too, to give some other collectors a chance (and get some of my money back) Can't help but recommend this Sales Circuit idea. Gets you what you want and gets rid of what you don't want. Besides, what's the use of belonging to the C.P.S. if you don't make use of its services. The 'active' members never have to ask the old question "What's in it for me?" They know.

## CANADIAN STAMPS BY CANADIAN ARTISTS

Postmaster General G. Edouard Rinfret announced recently that the Post Office Department plans to invite Canadian artists to submit designs for future Canadian postage stamps.

Through the medium of Canadian postage stamps, the department hope that the character of Canada and Canadian art may be publicized and displayed more adequately. It is believed that the enlistment of the interest of Canadian artists in postage stamp designs will result in more variety and modern treatment.

The Rt. Hon. Vincent Massey has consented to act as Chairman of a Selective Committee, together with other prominent personages, and a member of the Department, and the facilities of the National Gallery of Canada will be made available to the Selection Committee.

The initial list of subjects for which designs are sought are: (a) Secondary industries of Canada; (b) well-known wildflowers of Canada; (c) The larger animals of Canada; (d) portraits of Canadian Indians or Esquimax, or design based on native life; (e) Outdoor activities and scenes.

It is not intended, of course, that all these ideas will be put into use at once, but that a collection of designs suitable for reproduction on postage stamps be built up which will be available for use for some years to come at such times when new postage stamps are required.

The department does not propose to conduct a contest for designs, but rather is announcing a plan that will be of a continuous nature, provided the results are satisfactory. Additional subjects will be added later. It is said that the sum of \$300.00 will be paid for all selected designs, and that such designs will become the property of the department.

If such a plan is successfully worked out, it will not only be a boon to our Canadian artists, but should also provide Canada with new stamps in the future which will keep our nation well to the fore-front of the world's stamp designing countries.

There is no doubt that Canadian artists are capable of designing a great many suitable subjects in these and in any future fields which the Department may consider desirable in the future.

YOUR MEMBERSHIP IN THE C.P.S.? IS IT UP TO DATE? DELINQUENT MEMBERS WILL SHORTLY BE DELETED FROM OUR MAILING LIST. IF YOU ARE BEHIND IN YOUR DUES, WHY NOT SEND THEM IN TODAY TO C.P.S. HEADQUARTERS - 15 Richmond St. E., Toronto