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APRIL FOOL!

If anyone had told you on April 1st that it would be the last day on which you could use a 1¢ postage stamp singly on a letter, you might have thought it was a joke, and responded, "Oh yes, April Fool!"

Well, it's no joke. One cent Canadian stamps are now obsolete, and Post Offices have been instructed to sell them out as soon as possible. One way they are accomplishing this is by failing to provide new 2¢ postcards and requiring you to affix a 1¢ stamp additionally on the old 1¢ postcards.

The new rate on Householder unaddressed mail is now 1½¢ for two ounces. How to do it poses a problem, but we know of at least one collector who sent out a few with a current 1¢ and a Quebec Tercentenary ½¢ affixed to make up the 1½¢ rate. How many collectors have a first day cover bearing this or any other combination of stamps to make up the 1½¢.

The last ½¢ stamp was this same Tercentenary of 1908, and it was usable on unaddressed householder mail right up to August 1, 1940, when the rate increased to 1¢. Now it's up to 1½¢.

NEW RATES WORK HARDSHIPS

The increase of 50% on unaddressed or householder mail, and 100% on third class addressed mail, represents a big revenue increase to the Post Office, but imposes a heavy expense to large distributors of Third Class Mail. Especially is this hard on charitable organizations who depend on mail solicitation of funds for revenue. Too, non-profit societies like our own C.P.S. find it an added expense which is difficult to bear. The Post Office authorities claim the increase is necessary, but despite this - it's no joke.

We'd like to see any first-day covers of the new 1½¢ householder rate. Drop a line to the Secretary at 15 Richmond Street East, Toronto

ANOTHER SERVICE

TO OUR MEMBERS

Your News-Letter is a little late in arriving this month because at the last minute we made arrangements for another service to our members which we were very anxious to pass on to you at once.

Through the co-operation of the Financial Branch, Philatelic Division, Post Office Department, we are able to enclose with this News-Letter a copy of the latest Order Form for Mint Canadian Postage Stamps, which completely lists all the Canadian mint stamps currently available at face value from the Philatelic Branch at Ottawa.

We feel that many of our members would like to order such stamps from Ottawa, and either do not know the procedure, or would not take the trouble to write for the list and order form. Therefore, when the opportunity arose to distribute these forms to our members, we felt justified in holding up the News-Letter pending their arrival.

In the future, if and when revised lists are available from Ottawa, we hope to again pass them on to our members.

TO HONOUR STATESMEN

It has been announced that during the next year our Post Office Department plan to issue two commemorative stamps which will do honour to two of Canada's former Prime Ministers.

One of these will honor the late Prime Minister, Hon. W. L. Mackenzie King, whose passing a short time ago filled the nation with sorrow. The second will honour one of his predecessors, Sir Robert Borden, who served as Prime Minister during the first World War. They will thus take their place philatelically with others of Canada's great statesmen such as Laurier, Macdonald and others who have been similarly honoured.

ANNUAL REPORT OF LIBRARIAN

Because it will be some time yet before the new Year Book makes its appearance, we print herewith the annual report of our Librarian.

C.P.S. LIBRARY REPORT

April 1, 1950 to March 31, 1951

The twelve months maintained the usual average of serious and enthusiastic members making use of the library for file material, books, films, etc.

The C.P.S. Library contains about 150 books, many special catalogs, dictionaries, pamphlets and files containing a few thousand clippings and articles on almost every philatelic subject and country.

Very few stamp collectors are able to purchase all the books, pamphlets, magazines, etc., which could be of assistance in the writing up of their collection, or in their search for philatelic information, especially that to be found in many of the important articles on stamps and philatelic history which have been gathered by the library over a number of years.

Our library material is organized to cover the needs of every group, whether it be elementary handbooks on how to start

or arrange a collection, or the complete volumes of the Stamp Specialist, and similar works for the more experienced philatelist.

But there are still many gaps to be filled in the files of material and on the book shelves. I will not repeat my Christmas Gift suggestion, merely record that Santa did not call with a single book or magazine for our library. Guess the old fellow was busy himself on the collecting end.

I was looking at a picture of the Collectors' Club Library in New York, and read that it has been built up largely through gifts and acquisitions from interested friends. A wonderful accomplishment, and I should like to generate a similar aim and interest in our C.P.S. Library.

So, what about a donation of a book or book certificate to help build the C.P.S. Library? What do you say, members?

J. T. Scott,
C.P.S. Librarian,
Box 349, Pt. Credit, Ont.

Ed. Note:

The C.P.S. Library is not a closed corporation. It is there for use of any member in good standing in the Society. Why not use it?

USE IT

We often complain of the services our Society offers, yet don't use the ones we may. Our Librarian can be a wonderful source of material for addresses, debates, even for whole programs for your club; or it can provide the information you need to write up your own collection. Better write Mr. Scott for more information about it.

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.

HONOR CLUBS

In coming issues of the "News-Letter" we want to honor some of the local clubs by designating the monthly issues as "Honor Club of the Month." In the chosen issue, we will tell the story of a particular club, how it was founded and by whom, and some of the highlights of its history. We ask the local club officers to prepare and send in such a club history for publication. First come-first publicized.

CLUB NEWS FROM COAST TO COAST

News of club activities from coast to coast have commenced to pour in to the Editor, and as we commence to prepare this page, we realize it will be necessary to condense some of them, and perhaps even postpone others for a future issue. Don't be discouraged if yours misses this issue, if it's news is still timely, it'll appear next month, but at any rate send in some more so that your club won't be missed anyway. In the meantime, here's a cross country "news-trip" for you:

NOVA SCOTIA NEWS

From E.K. Allen, Halifax, we have received a news clipping which tells us that the Nova Scotia Stamp Club, one of the oldest clubs in Canada, celebrated another milestone by giving life memberships to Mrs. Frank Adams and to one of our C.P.S. members, R. M. Hattie, who holds the low membership number of #227, which indicates that in length of membership he must be among our first members. Dr. H. Ritchie Campbell is the newly elected president, while the retiring president W. E. Jefferson (C.P.S. #4610) assumed new duties as vice-president. Mr. Allen is in charge of publicity, and we expect to hear from him frequently. Incidentally Mr. Jefferson addressed the gathering on the subject of the recent Universal Postal Union issues

WORD FROM QUEBEC

Westmount Stamp Club sends us news about their own club and also of the French-speaking Club "L'Union Philatique de Montreal". That's co-operation for you.

The Westmount Club meets every Thursday in the Oak Room of Victoria Hall, Sherbrooke St. W., Westmount. 50 to 60 members, plus a few guests are usually on hand and the winter season has been very successful. They are looking for visits any Thursday night from C.P.S. members who may be in Montreal.

They pass on the information that the "L'Union Philatique de Montreal" held a wonderful exhibition recently in Mount St. Louis College. It featured special exhibitions like L'Abbe Beaudin's "Genesis to Revelations" and also Cardinal Spellman's talk on Stamps in Religion. They tell us that Walter Bayley was on hand and did a swell job in the Capex Booth.

COMING TO ONTARIO

there's a myriad of reported activity, which we unfortunately have to condense. Colin Bayley of Ottawa tells us that the Ottawa Philatelic Society is having a wonderful season under the leadership of Mr. F. Bowden Martin. 63 paid-up members are in regular attendance and the club has a wide variety of programme, including talks by members, Door Prizes, Raffles, Auctions, and a philatelic version of "Twenty Questions" with "experts" chosen from the membership. These programmes are very popular. Speakers are usually their own members, who use their own collections as subject matter. Recently

they've heard from C.H. Bayley on "Early Barbados"; A. H. Ward on "Early Canada"; and J. Calder on "Early Spain". More news later from Ottawa.

News of the month is the N-E-W Combined Clubs (North Toronto - East Toronto - West Toronto) 2nd Annual Dinner at the York Masonic Temple, 5 Eglinton Ave. E. on Saturday, May 5th. A Dealer's Bourse at 2.30 opens proceedings and at 6.30 there'll be a Turkey Dinner with all the trimmings, and a programme of entertainment. The speaker is to be a lady who has travelled extensively over the whole of North and South America and is said to have the ability to hold everyone spellbound. There'll be a presentation of trophies won at recent Club Exhibitions and a grand prize drawing, as well as door prizes. And the whole thing is to cost only \$2.00 per person. Tickets from Fred Morgan, 12 Bain Ave., or H. Nicolle, 1255 St. Clair Ave. W. Sounds good.

STRATFORD PHILATELIC SOCIETY and the STRATFORD JUNIOR STAMP CLUB are holding an exhibition also on May 5th in the Stratford Armoury as a part of the Rotary Club Hobby Fair. They invite all collectors to join them that day.

As we mentioned last month April 28th is the big day for the GRAND RIVER VALLEY PHILATELIC ASSOCIATION - the Annual Get-Together Dinner of the member clubs at the Blue Moon Hotel, 5 miles from Kitchener. They hope to see as many district philatelists and visitors as can make the grade.

NEWS FROM ALBERTA

tells us that E.C. Powell (CPS 3812) has been elected President of the Edmonton Stamp Club, succeeding C.B. Cox who served for 12 years. The club reports 80 on the roll and an average of 35 present each meeting. The Secretary Treasurer, W.A. Teare, was honored with a presentation for faithful service - six years without missing a club meeting. The club ended the year with a favorable balance and rate the year a success.

IN BRITISH COLUMBIA

Mr. Geo. Stripp has been elected to his 3rd term as President of the B.C. Philatelic Society. Len Hobbs and George Palmer, recent comers to Vancouver, are Vice-Pres. and Sec.-Treas., respectively. Our correspondent, C.S. Neville, sends several other items of interest, which we have to hold over for future issues.

THE SALES DEPARTMENT

Another record month in the Sales Dept. with sales of over \$700.00. Since the end of August 1950 over 700 books have been circulated on behalf of members and they have contained stamps of practically every category and particularly some nice Canadian and British Colonials.

Perhaps some hints on how to make up these Sales Books might be useful. The Sales Manager suggests you select nice, clean copies, preferably with a reasonable catalogue value (penny varieties naturally have

a limited market among our members). Mount them neatly in the centre of the space and use a new hinge. (You'd be surprised how often stamps drop out of a new book just received). Don't include damaged copies. Even when priced low they seldom get a second glance. Good material always sells well, but collectors are fussy, they like the very best for their money. Wouldn't you? Price stamps according to condition, especially in the older Canadian issues, etc. Follow these tips and you will find your offerings really produce sales for you. Use the official C.P.S. Sales Books which you can secure from the Sales Manager.

In addition to using the Dept. to dispose of your own duplicates, don't forget it is an excellent place from which to select the odd items missing in your own collection. Ask for a selection of your favorite country.

Let's combine our efforts to lift the Sales Department to a still higher level. All communications with reference to Sales Dept. matters should be send direct to the Sales Manager -

Cyril Woodhead,
123 Albertus Avenue,
Toronto 12, Ont.

THE PACIFIC INTERNATIONAL

PHILATELIC EXHIBITION

The big event of the philatelic season on the West Coast is the forthcoming Pacific International Philatelic Exhibition being held in Victoria, B.C., May 19th to 21st, by the North West Federation of Stamp Club comprising 20 philatelic societies in the Pacific States and the Province of British Columbia. The host clubs are the Greater Victoria Philatelic Society and the Vancouver Island Philatelic Society, and this is the first time this annual exhibition

has been held in the city of Victoria for 12 years. Victoria was selected because of the desire to help the Canadian Clubs celebrate 100 years of postal history of Canada.

Canada provides several major officers to the Federation this year. Miss Jean Roberts of the V.I.P.S. is the President; Miss Jessie Gordon, of Victoria is Secretary, while Gerry Wellburn is Chairman of the Exhibition Comm.

The exhibition is in the famous Empress Hotel, Victoria, whose manager, J.K. Hodges, is honorary president of the V.I.P.S. A special exhibition cancellation has been arranged by the Post Office, who will also contribute a film and special exhibits. It looks like a big event in Pacific Coast philatelic history.

THE TORONTO STAR SAYS EDITORIALY:

Such a Stamp

The Canadian 10-cent stamp is one of the weirdest objects known to philately. If ugliness and absurdity add to a stamp's value, this one will be a treasure in all future collections.

On the right is an Indian teepee, with a man's head and shoulders showing beyond it. On the left, with trees in the background, is a collection of three objects, with a figure resembling that of a man standing beside them. What these objects are, and how they are suspended in midair, not one Canadian out of a dozen could guess. They are stretched beaver skins. One is of tremendous size—as long as the human figure is tall. An expert has said that this must indeed have been the grandfather of all beavers.

If Canada should be represented on a stamp as a land of teepees and beaverskins, all right. But surely that objective could be accomplished with an effect less calculated to arouse derision.

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WHAT DO YOU THINK?

CHANGES IN MEMBERSHIP

As the yearly fees continue to come in to the Secretary's Office, we are finding many changes of address, etc., and more than a few new members - too many to list in this month's bulletin. However, so that members may bring their correspondence lists up to date, we hope to publish them with the next issue in the form of a supplement to the News Letter. Meantime, if your membership fee has not been sent in, or if there is any change in your address, send it to the Secretary at once, so that the change may be included.