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## SPECIAL C.P.S. AWARDS

It is customary at our Annual Meeting and Exhibition to award several trophies for outstanding exhibits in various classes.

Since this year we are combining our Annual Meeting with the Capex Show, it is a little more difficult to decide the best basis upon which to award these Trophies, but a committee under George Wegg has been working on this and have now announced that C.P.S. members who place exhibitions in the Capex Show will have their entries eligible for special judging for the award of the following Trophies:

**CHAS. S. BRISLEY TROPHY** will probably be awarded for the most outstanding exhibit entered by a member of the Canadian Philatelic Society.

**THE FORD MOTOR CO. TROPHY** will be awarded for the most outstanding exhibit entered by any of our affiliated clubs.

The terms of certain of our other donated trophies are such that it is not possible for them to be awarded at any but our own Exhibitions, since they must be awarded on the basis of a popular vote. They will be held until the next annual exhibition in April, 1952.

## TWO BIG RADIO PROGRAMS

The importance of Capex has been recognized by the Canadian Broadcasting Corp. who are planning two special broadcasts in connection with the Show and its features.

On September 21st, the opening day of the first Canadian International Stamp Exhibition, the CBC will broadcast a special documentary drama telling the story of postage stamps from the time of the Persian Empire to the start of penny postage in Canada. The program will be heard on the CBC's Trans-Canada Network at 9.00 p.m. Eastern Daylight Time.

On the occasion of the unveiling of the plaque to Sir Sandford Fleming, on Saturday, September 22nd, there will also be a Special Broadcast of the ceremonies over the CBC network, with Bing Whittaker in charge. The plaque will be officially presented to the Canadian Philatelic Society by Mr. H. B. Leather of the Canada Trust Co., and will be accepted by Mr. Bert L. Baulch, of the Society, who will also introduce the special speaker, Sir John Wilson, a member of the International jury to judge the Capex entries, and Keeper of the King's Stamps. The broadcast is scheduled for 2 p.m. over the CBC network. Don't miss it.

## C'MON TO OUR HOUSE

C.P.S., during the period of Capex, will be officially found in Lounge No. 2, Automotive Building, Canadian National Exhibition Grounds, Toronto, where there will always be officials of the Society on hand to welcome you, and to expound the merits of membership in the Society to those who do not already know of us. We hope that when you come to Capex you will make the C.P.S. Lounge your Headquarters, and make sure that you become acquainted with the officials in charge.

One of the drawbacks of a National Society such as ours is that our membership is scattered over a tremendous area from coast to coast. Under these circumstances many of them never become more than a name

and number in our records for we never do get the chance to meet and talk with them. An Exhibition like this one is a rare opportunity for Officers, Directors and Members to get acquainted and talk over matters of mutual interest, and no C.P.S. member attending Capex should pass up the opportunity. Whether you have words of praise or condemnation for the Society, its officers or its publications, we want to hear them, and the Capex Lounge would be an excellent place to talk things over.

C'mon to our house - the C.P.S. Lounge at the Capex Show - Automotive Building, C.N.E. Grounds, Toronto. Bring your non-member friends with you and show them the advantages of belonging to Canada's National Society.

## CAPEX - CANADA'S GREATEST PHILATELIC EVENT

\$15,000,000 IN STAMPS ON DISPLAY

Philatelic circles in Toronto are beginning to hum in anticipation of the great Capex Show, which is almost upon us. Without a doubt, it will be the greatest event in Canadian philatelic history and the first time such an international exhibition has been held in the British Empire outside the British Isles.

Each publicity release which we have received from the excellent organization handling this Show calls attention to new features which will add to the general interest in the Exhibition.

The 'scoop' of the Show will be the exhibition of the world's rarest stamp, as "flashed" to you in the last News Letter. The British Guiana one cent issue of 1856, has always been the stamp that collectors proudly mention to their friends when speaking of the investment aspect of stamp collecting. But up to now the stamp has been a picture and a price in a catalogue - they never expected to see the stamp itself. Now the impossible has happened, and visitors to Capex will be permitted to gaze upon the most expensive piece of philatelic paper known to collectors. It is reported that the present owner has turned down offers as high as \$75,000 for the stamp. As an indication of its value, the stamp is insured for \$100,000.

Probably next in interest will be the showing of a part of the Royal Stamp Collection, which is being brought to Capex by the Keeper of the King's Stamps, Sir John Wilson, who will also be one of the judges at the exhibition. The King's collection, of course, was started by his father, George V, carried on by Edward VIII, and again by George VI, our present King. It is said to contain practically every British Empire stamp, except the aforementioned British Guiana 1¢, which is, of course, the only known copy in existence. The Royal exhibit is being selected from his various volumes of British North American stamps and is designed to illustrate the scope of the Royal Collection, as well as to bring to the attention of Canadians some of the items of special interest to this country, such as the stamps which were presented to other members of the Royal Family on previous visits to Canada.

It will be from Capex that the four special stamps issued to commemorate the one hundredth anniversary of Canadian Stamps will make their debut, and a First Day Cover Service will be handled right from the Automotive Building.

The Canadian Post Office Department is planning special exhibits which will illustrate the various methods by which mail was transported throughout the century, and officials of the Post Office and the Philatelic Branch will actively participate in many of the functions of the Show.

Further interest will be shown in a ceremony of the unveiling of a plaque to be erected on the site at 112 Yonge Street where Sir Sanford Fleming designed the famous "Three Penny Beaver", Canada's first postage stamp, in 1851. The Canada Trust Co., whose building now occupies the site, are co-operating closely with philatelic authorities in the planning of this event, at some considerable cost to the Company.

Philatelic groups throughout the world have planned participation in the exhibits, and no less than eleven of them will hold Annual Meetings or Conventions in Toronto during the period of the Show. In many cases they will have special exhibits of their own particular philatelic field, with special awards to their own members who exhibit in the general show. In addition, many local and national philatelic clubs and organizations will have special lounges where their own members can meet, and are planning to have some of their members in charge at all times.

There are other features almost too numerous to mention, and it thus appears likely that Capex will eventually rate as one of the largest and best philatelic exhibitions held anywhere in the world. It will certainly be one which no Canadian interested in stamps can afford to miss, probably the only chance in a lifetime to see some of the world's great philatelic rarities.

### SALES DEPT. NEWS

Our Sales Department, which has never shut down even in summer, is about to blossom forth into full Fall and Winter activity. This is the Department which every member can use to dispose of his surplus stamps, and also to secure some of those elusive items which you've been wanting to add to your own collection for a long time.

Here's the way to do it. Send to the Sales Manager, Cyril Woodhead, and get a few of the official Sales Books, fill them up with your extras and send them to him to circulate round the clubs and members for you. Then, without waiting for the proceeds (which will surprise you) ask him to send you the books of some of the other members, from which you can select material for your own collection. You'll get some excellent material at little or no cost to yourself in cash, because what you sell will pay for what you buy. It's a good system, and it works! Write to Cyril, today.

**THE CLUB COLUMN**

Our Clubs throughout the country are now getting under way again and most of them will no doubt be holding meetings during September. However, to date, very little information has reached us as to the proposed activities of local clubs, our Club Column is necessarily a bit slim this month. However, here is what we have to date:

**BRANTFORD STAMP CLUB** are changing their meeting place this year. Formerly meeting in the Y.M.C.A., Brantford, they are now meeting in the Brant Historical Society Building at 57 Charlotte Street, Brantford, commencing on Monday, Sept. 10th, and every other Monday from September to May, inclusive. They will welcome visiting C.P.S. Members at any meeting.

Toronto Clubs are planning special features during Capex Week which will be of interest to out of town visitors.

**NORTH TORONTO STAMP CLUB**, meeting at 26 Roselawn Ave., Toronto, are planning a Special Capex Night on Thursday, Sept. 27th, at which it is expected that one of the prominent philatelists attending Capex will be the speaker. They invite all members of other Clubs to visit with them that night.

**WEST TORONTO STAMP CLUB**, are holding a special 100 lot Auction at their Club Rooms at 182 Lowther Avenue, Toronto, in conjunction with their regular meeting on Tuesday, September 25th. They also hope to see a large number of visitors on that occasion.

The **NORTH TORONTO CLUB**, at the request of the Canada Trust Co., are making a special display of stamps in the lobby of the Canada Trust Bldg, 112 Yonge Street, on the occasion of the unveiling of the plaque to the memory of Sir Sandford Fleming, designer of Canada's first stamp.

**A POSTAL STATIONERY TIP**

Those who specialize in Postal Cards and Stationery are no doubt interested in the recent overprinting of the 1¢ card and envelope.

A correspondent informs us that while the 2¢ overprint on the old 1¢ cards is still available in the Post Offices in sheets of 3 and 8, it has not been possible to secure these as singles for some time. He also informed us that he was told by Mr. Carpenter, at Ottawa, that they were available from the Philatelic Division, in very limited quantities per person, should any of the collectors in our membership be interested in securing same.

**TWO MORE FOR THE CLUB LIST**

Since the last issue of the News Letter two more Clubs have called attention to the omission of their data from the Club List published in the last "Canadian Philatelist". Again we regret the omission, and urge that if you are retaining this list, you add the following information to that previously issued.

**GRAND RIVER VALLEY STAMP CLUB - KITCHENER** Ontario, meets the 1st Monday of each month in the Assembly Room of the Kitchener City Hall.

President - James E. Kraemar,  
176 Benton St., Kitchener  
Secretary - Bruce E. McAdam,  
40 Whitney Pl., Kitchener

Ed. Note: In this case the omission was apparently caused by confusion between the name of this club and that of the Grand River Valley Philatelic Association. The Grand River Valley Club is the oldest and largest of the various clubs forming this Association.

**OXFORD PHILATELIC SOCIETY**, WOODSTOCK, Ont. meets regularly in Woodstock, and includes member clubs in Ingersoll and Hicksan, Ont.

President - Tony Keller,  
54 Perry St., Woodstock, Ont.  
Sec.-Treas. - Ray Murray,  
119 Vansittart Ave., Woodstock

**A ROYAL VISIT STAMP**

"Chris" Christianson, prominent C.P.S. member for many years, dropped in to see us the other day and tells us that he has learned in discussion with postal officials that a special stamp or stamps honouring the Royal Visit has now become a certainty, although design detail and date of issue are not yet available.

Unofficially he learned that it is likely to be a double size stamp incorporating separate photographs of the Princess and Prince, and the delay in official pronouncement of the design is due to the necessity for authorization and selection of the photographs by the Royal Family and the British Government.

It seems probably that the stamp or stamps will not be available at the beginning of the Royal Tour, but will make their appearance while the tour is in progress. From the philatelist's standpoint, since very little advance notice seems likely, it will be difficult to make adequate arrangements for first-day cover service, or to determine whether the First Day of Issue will be at Ottawa or at some point along the route of the Royal Tour.

No doubt the Post Office Department will clarify this situation through the press at the earliest possible moment.

**THE SECRETARY SAYS:**

We have been calling for your renewal of fees for the present year, and your response has been gratifying to date, but there are still many outstanding and we would be pleased to get these in as soon as possible so that we can see just how strong we are. Do you realize that in the meantime the Society is mailing your News Letters and Philatelists at a heavy expense. Please take this into consideration and be brave about it. Just sit down and write your cheque and send it to the Secretary as soon as possible.

The C.P.S. will occupy Lounge No. 2 at the Capex Show and we will be pleased to meet you there and talk over many things, and will be glad to straighten out any difficulties you may have. As we say in a lot of instances, this will be the 'once-in-a-hundred-years' that we may have the opportunity of ever meeting you, so let's make it a grand time.

The nominations received to the closing date of August 15th were exactly twelve, so we did not find it necessary to hold an election. The twelve nominated automatically become Directors for the balance of the season, which is to March 31st, 1952. The Directors will meet at the Annual Meeting during Capex to elect their various officers.

We hope that many of the members will take full advantage of the reduced fares to Toronto, as explained in our August Bulletin. The Annual Meeting is to take place at 8 p.m., Sept. 21st, in the Automotive Building, where the big Show is to be held, so we hope that you will make a real effort to be present.

Once again, remember to send in your membership renewal fee as soon as you can if you have not already done so.

C. Woodhead, Secretary,  
123 Albertus Ave., Toronto 12.

**SCOTT'S - PART ONE - IS READY**

has made its appearance September 1st, earlier than usual, and while we haven't had a chance to examine it we hear that there are quite a few changes. Substantial price increases are reported in some of the early Canadian, and among others, Australian stamps have jumped somewhat. In the next issue we'll try to have someone make a general review of Scott's Part I for you.

WATCH FOR THE NEW ISSUE OF "CANADIAN PHILATELIST" - NOW BEING PREPARED. It will be in the mail to you in a very short time and will contain a complete membership list and Year Book features.

**HOW TO ORDER U. N. STAMPS**

United Nations stamps are now in the course of preparation and U.N. Headquarters have announced the various denominations, which values will be issued first, and how they can be obtained by interested collectors.

The denominations are:

Regular Issues - 1¢, 1½¢, 2¢, 3¢, 5¢, 15¢, 20¢, 25¢, 50¢ and \$1.00 - total face value of \$2.32½¢.

Air Mail Issues - 6¢, 10¢, 15¢ and 25¢ - total face value of 56¢

Face value complete series - \$2.88½¢.

Orders for the stamps should be addressed to United Nations Postal Administration, United Nations, New York, and must be accompanied by remittances to cover the orders in money orders or certified cheques in U.S. currency, payable to the United Nations, New York.

Stamps are in sheets of 50 stamps each; no plate numbers, but marginal inscriptions consisting of the emblem of the UN and the wording - "First UN Issue - 1951" will appear in four positions on the sheet. It will be possible to purchase whole sheets, pairs, blocks and marginal inscriptions. All stamps will be sold at face value.

Remittances should include return postage and for orders exceeding \$5.00 the regular registration fee. The UN will not be responsible for cash sent in unregistered letters.

The first group will be issued early in October and contain 6 stamps from the regular issue - 1¢, 1½¢, 3¢, 5¢, 25¢ and \$1.00 - face value \$1.35½¢.

The balance will be released in a second group but the release date has not yet been announced.

No information is yet available on first day cover arrangements.

**BETTER MAIL SERVICE TO SHIPS**

In an effort to improve mail service to Canadian ships, the Post Office Department is introducing a 10-cent Canada Air Letter.

Use of this letter form, purchased already stamped, will simplify and speed mail delivery to ships on cruise, and can be used either to or from vessels.

This is apart from the special mail service to Canadian Naval Ships in Korean waters, which will continue to be carried at the rate of 7¢ for the 1st ounce.

**WE WANT NEWS**

and must depend on our members for information about what goes on in their local district or club. Address all communications to the Editor, C.P.S. News Letter, Room 220, 73 Adelaide St. W., Toronto.

CLOSING DATE FOR NEXT ISSUE - OCT. 5th