

A REPORT ON THE ANNUAL MEETING

The 23rd Annual Meeting of the Society was held on Sept. 21-22, 1951, in conjunction with the Capex Exhibition in the Automotive Bldg. of the C.N.E., Toronto.

Approximately 150 members were present from all parts of Canada and the U.S., one of the finest turnouts ever to be on hand at our Annual Meeting. They were officially welcomed by the President, Mr. John Yaxley, who remarked that the attendance indicated much enthusiasm in the Society.

On motion of Col. W. Gear, seconded by G. Wegg, the minutes were accepted as recorded -- Carried.

President's Address:

Mr. John Yaxley explained that business arrangements had made it very difficult to attend many of the meetings during the season and expressed his sincere thanks to Mr. Baulch and Mr. Wegg and the other diligent officers in carrying the burden till the time of this meeting. He wished the Society success in the future.

Mr. Bert Baulch then summarized the activities of the various officers during the season, citing the difficulties that had been met and overcome by hard work on their part. He reported that 86 names had been added to the roll during the season, giving a total membership now of 1461. He also reported on the plaque to be unveiled in the name of the Society to the memory of Sir Sanford Fleming. The Society had planned such a tribute for some years and felt that the occasion of Capex was most timely for this purpose. Hence it was to be unveiled by Sir John Wilson on the following Wednesday (Sept. 26th, 1951).

The Treasurer - Mr. Art Insley - submitted his financial report showing a bank balance of \$375.81. Acceptance of this report was moved, seconded and carried.

The Sales Manager reported that during the 12 months operating he had received 870 books, the total net value of which was \$24,395.81. Sales during the year were \$5,338.85 (better than 20% of the total value with many of the books still in circulation). After receiving the commendation of various members for his excellent handling of the department, Mr.

Woodhead moved the acceptance of his report, Fred Green seconded it, and it was unanimously approved.

In the absence of John T. Scott, the Librarian's report was read by Norman Clark. It showed considerable library activity during the year, and a small balance of \$12.00 in library fees was turned over to the new Librarian, Mr. Herb. Buckland, of Port Perry, Ont.

The National scope of our Society became apparent when various members rose to bring to the Society the greetings of their home clubs. Among those so represented were the following Societies: Union Philatelic, Montreal; Ottawa Philatelic Society; Ford Employees Stamp Club, Windsor; Chrysler Stamp Club, Windsor; London Philatelic Society; Westmount Stamp Club, Montreal; Vancouver Island Philatelic Society; British Columbia Philatelic Society; Regina Philatelic Society; Edmonton Stamp Club; North Toronto Stamp Club and the C.B.C. Stamp Club of the Air. Representatives of many other societies were prevented from bringing their greetings because our meeting had to close by 10 p.m. in accordance with Capex Regulations.

General Business

Following discussion about the duties of the Secretary and the amount of time required to execute them, it was moved by Mr. Baulch, seconded by Col. W. Gear, and carried, that the Directors be authorized to consider and decide on a fee to be paid to the Secretary annually.

A motion that the Sales Commission be increased from 12½% to 15% was shelved until the next annual meeting in April, 1952, when it was pointed out that inadequate notice of motion had been given and the matter could not constitutionally be dealt with at this time.

Much discussion took place on the matter of an increase in Annual Membership Fees. Mr. Baulch reported that our increased services to members required considerable sums to maintain. The Canadian Philatelist (4 issues yearly) costs approximately \$1200.00, while the News Letter (11 issues) costs \$1000.00 including the

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increased cost of postage. Such costs meant it was impossible to maintain our services on the present membership fee of \$2.00 annually. It was moved by Bert Baulch, seconded by R. M. Watson that dues be increased to \$3.00. This was amended on motion of Fred Green, seconded by V. Crouse that the increase be to \$4.00. A further amendment made by W.J.Scott and seconded by N. Clark was that the figure be set at \$3.50. When the membership was asked to vote on the three figures, the two amendments were lost, with the result that the new membership fee was set at \$3.00 per year. This increase will take effect on the 1st of April, 1952.

Before the meeting concluded R.M. Watson moved a vote of thanks to Mr. Baulch and the other directors who carried on so well under difficulties during the past season and re-organized the activities of the Society.

The question of the cost of the Plaque was raised, and Mr. Baulch reported that the Canada Trust Company had offered to pay for same and that the offer had been accepted by the Directors. Mr. Norman Clark then moved that the Secretary advise the Canada Trust Company and the Huron & Erie Trust Company that the Society wished to express their thanks to these companies for this fine gesture. Carried.

The reports and the business conducted were very smoothly carried out in the short space of two hours and the meeting adjourned at 10 p.m.

The President announced the list of Directors who had been elected by acclamation when nominations received totalled exactly the number of Directors required. List of these Directors and the Officers appointed by them appears elsewhere in this News Letter.

YEAR BOOK NOW READY

The YEAR BOOK Edition of the Canadian Philatelist is now off the press and will be mailed to members in a few days time. Because it contains a complete membership list, it has been decided that it will be mailed only to those members in good standing with membership fee paid to date. If you have neglected to send in your renewal it is probable that you will not receive your copy. However, copies are being held in reserve and will go forward promptly as renewals are received. If you have not already taken care of this matter, send your renewal fee of \$2.00 to the Secretary today. After a reasonable time allowance for these renewals to be received it is proposed to remove the delinquent members from our mailing list which will deprive them of copies of the News Letter and other material forwarded from time to time.

ACT NOW - IF YOUR FEES ARE UNPAID - SEND THEM TO THE SECRETARY TODAY. A TWO DOLLAR BILL WILL DO IT.

OFFICERS and DIRECTORS

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SALES DEPT. NEWS

This department is now in full swing and we are receiving a lot of new books with nice Canada, British Colonies (Capes) and a fine selection of Foreign. We handle circuits direct only and do not use the chain system, so you see you get personal service. Why don't you drop me a line for a selection of the countries you prefer.

Club Secretaries or Club Sales Managers should also write me for Sales Books for distribution at their meetings.

Already, since Aug. 15th, sales have reached a total of \$350.00, and of course we had to delay sendings on account of the big show in which we were actively engaged. However, let's settle down to business now. Write me if you want to get Sales Books - they are sent out only on request.

Cyril Woodhead, Sales Mgr.
123 Albertus Ave., Toronto

THE CLUB COLUMN

The stamp season is now in full swing and reports of the first meetings of some of our member clubs are beginning to drift in, but there's room for lots more, so let's hear about what your Club is doing and plans to do in the coming weeks.

THE BORDER STAMP CLUB, Lloydminster, Sask. at its opening meeting of the season on Sept. 12, elected Stewart Campbell, Pres.; Noel Noyes, Vice Pres. and Jack Swift as Secy.-Treas. To commemorate the 100th year of Canadian postage stamps the club members arranged frames of stamps and displayed them in local business houses. They are also organizing a Junior Club for the boys and girls, arranging for an Open Night specially designed for non-members, and arranging regular stamp auctions at their meetings which are held each 2nd Wednesday at the Britannia Municipality Offices. We congratulate this Club on their lively program and hope to hear more from them as it progresses.

THE MOTOR CITIES CONGRESS is an affiliation of all the Clubs in the Windsor area which holds periodic joint meetings. The next one will be an Open Meeting in the Hiram Walker Cafeteria on Friday, November 9th, at which the Hiram Walker Club will act as host to the other member clubs.

ESTMOUNT STAMP CLUB, Montreal, were the first club to see the new Canada Post Office film "Stagecoach to the Stars" which had its premiere at "Capex". Mr. G. M. Desautels, Public Relations Representative Canada Post Office, Montreal, presented it at the weekly meeting of Oct. 11th. Club members enjoyed it thoroughly as it showed many early Post Office scenes in the Montreal area, and they recommend it to other clubs across Canada. Arrangements should be made through the Public Relation Department of the Post Office.

SASKATOON STAMP CLUB opened activities this year with their Annual Meeting and heard excellent reports of the last year. Their Annual Exhibit was held in conjunction with the Saskatoon Industrial Exhibition, and was a great success. A visitor recently was Miss Marion Lowe and an interview with her was broadcast locally.

NORTH TORONTO STAMP CLUB are underway for the season and plan to make it a good one. The Oct. 25th meeting is to be in charge of the Entertainment Committee and at the time of writing seems to be shrouded in mystery. No doubt these enterprising boys have cooked up something we will hear more about in the next issue.

WEST TORONTO STAMP CLUB were one of the many Toronto Clubs to operate a Lounge at Capex (right next to C.P.S.) and they were distributing a special copy of their Club Bulletin which outlined the history of the Club in a most interesting way.



THE NEW ROYAL VISIT STAMP

The 4¢ Royal Visit Commemorative Stamp goes on sale in Canada's post offices on October 26th. It will be purple in color and display a portrait of each of the Royal Visitors. The advance illustration appearing in the public press, similar to the one we show here, has brought a storm of adverse comment as to the suitability of the portraits, and an admission from the department that they are not satisfied with it, but the limited time for production made it impossible to do any better. Be that as it may, it seems likely that the portraits were approved by the Royal couple themselves or by the proper authorities. Unfortunately this News Letter may reach you too late to take advantage of the First Day Cover Service except in the immediate Ottawa area, but just in case we advise that self-addressed covers should be sent to the POSTMASTER, OTTAWA 2, Ont. (not to the Philatelic Section). A cover service charge of 5¢ for each cover sent by ordinary mail and 10¢ for each cover to be returned by airmail will be charged and your remittance to the post office should include these charges plus the 4¢ postage. The new stamp will be printed from two plates - Nos. 1 and 2. On mint orders from the philatelic branch plate number corners will be supplied only when specifically requested and when a full pane of 50 stamps are ordered for each plate position desired.

DID YOU SEE IT

One of the promised thrills of "Capex" was the opportunity of taking a look at the world's rarest stamp - the British Guiana 1¢ 1856 issue which Scott lists at \$50,000 but for which the owner has reputedly turned down a considerably higher price.

Probably most of the Capex visitors will agree that a look at it was somewhat of an anti-climax, for the stamp shown under glass proved to be an almost indistinguishable blob of black printing on a deep red paper. Certainly its value did not prove to be in its appearance, for if it is one of the rarest pieces of paper in the world it is also one of the least interesting in point of appearance.

FROM THE SECRETARY

The big show - Capex - has come and gone but will be remembered by the many thousands from all parts of the world who attended it between Sept. 21 and 29th.

It was really something to meet so many of the members from various parts of Canada, United States, Great Britain and other countries. Approximately 150 members attended our Annual Meeting on the opening night of Capex, and what a representation we had of the various clubs across Canada. Many other members visited our Lounge during the week. It was an opportunity that will seldom present itself again and it is to be hoped that the Canadian Association for Philatelic Exhibitions will endeavour to present another fine Exhibition (even if not International) before too long. In the meantime, many of the boys here will need a good long rest.

Elsewhere you will find the list of new Directors and Officers who will guide the Society until the next Annual Meeting in April, 1952, in London, Ontario.

The C.P.S. Lounge at "Capex" was a very popular place during the show and much business was done. We were pleased to meet so many members in person. Over 50 new applications were taken in during the week and many dropped in to pay up their renewals.

By the way, have you paid your \$2.00? Do you want your Year Book and News Letters regularly? If you get this News Letter and haven't paid up, you've been on the mailing list steadily at some expense to the Society. Why not send in your \$2.00 and be on the right side of the ledger.

At the Annual Meeting a motion was duly passed raising the fees to \$3.00, to go into effect on April 1st next. This is still the price of a good meal (maybe) and with the increase your Society hopes to still further increase its service to its members.

C. W. Woodhead, Sec'y.

LIBRARY CORNER

Fellow Members:

USE THE LIBRARY - IT IS YOURS. The Society is very fortunate in having such a wealth of material for the use of the members - and it can be yours on loan. Just for the price of the postage. Why let such fascinating stories and facts about your hobby lie on the shelves when they can be obtained so easily. Even if your interests do not lie in certain countries and phases of collecting - read about them. The other fellow may collect them and you will be posted about them when he wants to talk about them. Our Hobby covers a very wide field and you can educate yourself in all phases of Philately by means of the Library.

For your own collection we will give you a service that many Societies larger than our own cannot duplicate. We will loan you books, pamphlets and all sorts of other material from our files. We will answer your philatelic questions to the best of our ability - all for the price of the postage. Learn all you can about your pet countries. For the beginner, we have many items that will help in your search for guidance. The Library has help for all - Beginners - Advanced - and the Specialist.

Read how the mails have been carried in by-gone days; how stamps are printed, the story of the stamps of your favorite country; these and many other interesting subjects are to be found in the material we have on file.

We are now engaged in re-cataloguing the material on hand and as early as possible hope to publish a list of the chief items in the News Letter. Until this is ready, just write us stating your wants and we will try to attend to them.

We end this first message as your new Librarian as we started it - USE THE LIBRARY - IT IS YOURS.

Herbert Buckland,
Librarian,
Canadian Philatelic Society,
Port Perry, Ont.

FROM THE LIBRARY FILES

Corner plate blocks have become a popular and fascinating phase of collecting our own country's stamps. We have therefore been asked to publish a list of plate numbers. This we will do in instalments monthly. We also ask Members to write in to the Librarian reporting items about plate numbers, positions, etc, which information will be kept on file for future reference.

<u>Denom. & Color</u>	<u>Date of Issue</u>	<u>Plate No.'s</u>
<u>HISTORICAL, 1927</u>		
5¢ Violet	29th June, 1927	1, 2
12¢ Green	"	1, 2
20¢ Carmine	"	1, 2
<u>CONFEDERATION, 1927</u>		
1¢ Orange	29th June, 1927	1-6 incl.
2¢ Green	"	1-15 "
3¢ Carmine	"	1-3 "
5¢ Violet	"	1-3 "
12¢ Blue	"	1, 2
20¢ Spec. Del. Orange	"	1