

The President's Message

I need not remind you that the Annual Meeting will be held at the Royal York Hotel, on Saturday April 15th, at 2 p.m. When this bulletin reaches you, you will already have received the list of nominations for directors for 1939, also the proxies necessary if you want someone to vote for you at the meeting. Instructions for voting and forwarding of the proxies will be found thereon. It has been a busy year and the Directors and Officers will be glad to close up their work and present their reports for the year. Many members have shown considerable interest in the affairs of the Society and have written to the various officers with helpful suggestions and criticisms during the year. I am convinced that there has not been as much interest in the possibilities of a National Society for some years back, as there is today. The compiling of a membership roster was imposed on the President by the Editor of the Bulletin last December, and about 70 members filled in the Questionnaires and the Roster is expected to go forward with the bulletin, or at least be available at the Annual Meeting. Of course, all members in good standing will be listed whether they sent in the questionnaire or not. There is a great variety of tastes amongst our members, and it has been a big task to make out a satisfactory code that would not be too elaborate. (Ed. Note: This isn't what the President wrote about the roster, but Editors will be Editors.)

E. S. BALL, President.

SALES DEPARTMENT

The books of the Sales Department have been closed for the year and all transactions after March 20th will be for the year 1939. The Sales Manager, Mr. A.L. Reid, 58 Oak Park Ave., Toronto, will be glad to send you books to fill or to clean out.

THE LIBRARY SHELF.

In reply to our enquiry to various postmarks in February Bulletin, our member Mr. James Armstrong, Montreal, has made some interesting comments; re 3 (presumably in black scribble) date of postmark would indicate whether currency was pence or cents; according to post office instructions red ink would indicate "prepaid" and black ink collect unless marked "paid" as well. Re 7, According to Post Office Regulations this should indicate an "unpaid" or "collect" item. In May 1859 the post office Act was amended as follows in Clause 4 - "To promote simplicity and economy in the business of the post office, all letters posted in Canada for any place within the province and not prepaid shall be charged seven instead of five cents per half ounce on delivery....."

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PHILATELIC ARTICLES IN OUR LIBRARY (Continued).

British Solomon Islands

1. A Brief Postal History

British Somaliland Protectorate

1. The Edwardian Series

Bulgaria

1. The First Issue
2. Bouchier Commemorative Issue
3. Bulgarian History as read from Stamps

Cameroons

1. Cameroons Expeditionary Force

Canada

The complete list of Canada was published in the Bulletin of June 1938 and is available to members in the Library.

Canadian Philatelic Society

1. Constitution of the Society 1888 (Association)
2. Year Books, 1925, 1927, 1928
3. Bulletins

Canal Zone

1. Canal Zone stamps issued in booklet
2. Stamps of the Canal Zone (form.
3. Resuscitation of an old Postal Route
4. Counterfeits
5. Surcharged on United States
6. On Panama Arms Type
7. U.S. First Air Dispatch
8. Rare find - the 5 ct. blue of the first series.

Cape of Good Hope

1. Notes on a Contemporary proof from the original "Triangular" Die.
2. "3" on Threepence of August 1880
3. A short history of the Cape Triangles
4. Cape Wood Blocks
5. Cape Triangles
6. Topical Capes

Cateellorizo

1. The Surcharged Issues

Catalogues

1. Bright and Sons - 1908 edition
2. Gibbons British Empire 1906, 1913, 1920 1927 and 1930
3. Gibbons Foreign 1907 and 1912
4. Gibbons War Stamps 1920
5. Birkshire Standard Air Post 1930
6. Champion Air Post 1928
7. Lowes Standard B.N.A.
8. Jarretts B.N.A.
9. Rotnems 1929 Standard Precancel
10. Scotts 1910, 1915, 1922, 1925
11. A Canadian Precancel Handbook 1923
12. Whitfield King, 1913
13. Scott's Specialized U.S.A. 1923, 1929
14. Canadian Airmail, 1st Edition, 1929
15. Specialized Canadian Airmail, 1934-5
16. Stamps of China and the Treaty ports.

Cayman Islands

1. The 2½ penny blue, 1922
2. War Tax Stamps.

CANADA COIL #134.

Every Stamp Club meeting has its arguments re the 2¢ green 1924 coil, perforated 12 horizontally. This Stamp is rapidly increasing in value both mint and used. It is relatively much scarcer used as it is believed they were made to the order of certain firms which required stamps perforated 12 horizontally for their stamp affixing machines. One of these firms was the Dominion Power & Transmission Co. of Hamilton, Ont. For this reason, dated copies used at time of issue are almost impossible to obtain. Used copies of this stamp are known to have been faked from the imperforate side row of the same stamp issued in sheet form #122. By trimming the opposite side of the stamp a fake coil is obtained.

Mr. A.R. Bradley of Hamilton has made an extensive study of stamp Nos. 134 & 122 and we are pleased to publish his findings in this bulletin. Here is his method of picking the 'bad uns', "The fake stamp from the sheet is on a much thinner paper and the printed design is quite visible from the back of the stamp. The printed design of the faked stamp is 17½M. x 21½M. while the genuine measures 17M x 21M. The shade or the width of the margin or the overall width of the stamp cannot be taken as any definite guide to its genuineness." Can anyone bring forward a strip of eleven or more stamps which are different from the measurements of above?

COMING EVENTS

The London Stamp Club is having 50 items of Canada, 8 Newfoundland and 5 Foreign in their auction at their regular meeting April 3rd, Room 207, Richmond Bldg. Auction list may be obtained by writing Mr. Duncan, c/o Wendell Holmes Co. Dundas St., London.

Annual Toronto-Hamilton-Buffalo meeting, with Hamilton as the Host Club, at the Royal Connaught Hotel, Hamilton, May 6th. Bourse. Exhibition. Dinner and Auction.

Annual Toronto-Hamilton-Buffalo meeting, with Buffalo as the Host Club, at the Hotel Statler, Buffalo, May 12,13 & 14, with the 13th as the big day.

The St. Catharines Stamp Club are holding a get together at the Hotel Lincoln, on April 15th. This will include a bourse and dinner. As this is the same day as our Annual Meeting at Toronto, why not make a week-end of it, and come with the members of the executive over to St. Catharines for the evening.

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PROPOSALS FOR MEMBERSHIP

Mr. Austin Lawrence,	2171 Gerrard St. E., Toronto	by Dr. E. S. Ball
Dr. J.W. Robson	2487 Bloor St. W. Toronto	by Mr. C. A. Moore
Mr. R.C. Poulter	326 Elm Rd. Toronto	by Mr. C. A. Moore
Mr. R.B. Gormann	1045 -14th St., Boulder, Colo.	by Mr. H. Buckland
Mr. C.A. Anderson	1120 -12th St. E., Saskatoon, Sask.	by Dr. E. S. Ball

Objections to the admission of an applicant must be made in writing to a member of the Board, who will report such objection to the Board. Such objection must be filed within 15 days of the mailing of this bulletin.

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EDITORIAL

We have had some fine donations of philatelic material from interested members in the past, but you will note by the list of books and catalogues which we have in the Library as per the list in this issue that there is much need for handbooks and catalogues even yet. The directors would be glad if any one can add to our store at any time. This includes a need of files of obsolete Canadian philatelic magazines, as it seems that some of the predecessors of our excellent Librarian were very careless with the Society's property and several desirable and interesting items which used to be on hand need replacing.

We are pleased to acknowledge the receipt of a copy of an obsolete check list of Canadian Precancels from one of our newer members, Mr. C. Southey, Young, Sask. Just to show you how good a member he is, a little bird told me that he went to the trouble of typing the complete list for the Club Library from a highly valued master list in the hands of an American collector.

Our next bulletin will have some interesting information on the 1935 coil, which information has been sent in by Mr. Jas. Armstrong, of Montreal. Along with the manuscript Mr. Armstrong sent us a nice illustration of the varieties to be found on this stamp. We, of course, cannot reproduce the illustration, but it will be available in the Library.

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AIR MAILS AND SPECIAL DELIVERY

The Post Office Dept. brought home to the Collectors of First Flight Covers what the new Trans-Canada Air Mail will mean to Canadian business world. Our covers left Toronto at 9.30 p.m. on March 1st; were backstamped Vancouver at 12.30 p.m. March 2nd and were delivered in Hamilton during the afternoon of March 3rd. This means that by using the new 10¢ Special Delivery rate, a firm in any of the larger cities of Ontario or Quebec can send a letter in mid-afternoon, have this arrive in Vancouver and delivered at noon next day and receive a reply the second afternoon.

The reduced special delivery rate has increased the use of special delivery stamps by 80% and our post office dept. is expected to bring out a new stamp shortly. In fact, they will not promise to give more than a day or two advance notice of such an issue. Don't forget that the last 20¢ special was dated 1937 while the rest of the set was dated 1938. Maybe the 1935 special delivery is in the same class as its two newer cousins.