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THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

In a few days we shall be celebrating Christmas, and immediately following we shall welcome in 1953. What about 1952? As we look back to the eight months of this year, I think we've every reason to be satisfied with the progress that we've made. In regard to the organizing of the various clubs into chapters of the C.P.S. today eighteen clubs have fully signed up, with a number of other clubs pending. This has all been accomplished since October.

Our "News-Letter" is up-to-date, and the Canadian Philatelist, under new leadership of Mr. Phil Miller, and his editorial staff, is busy making plans for the March 1st issue.

We are more than surprised at the number of new members who are joining up and the number of renewals that are continually coming in.

All this has meant a lot of work on the part of the headquarters staff, but is it fair that because we have been elected as directors, we alone should do the job? We feel that the members throughout the whole Dominion should each do their little bit by sending in suggestions and criticisms, constructive or otherwise. Also articles for publication in the "Canadian Philatelist", and items of interest for the Newsletter. By doing this, the Canadian Philatelic Society will really be the national philatelic society of all stamp collectors in this Dominion.

Now at the close of 1952, we ask all members, far and near, to give us the helping hand so that we may accomplish the objects that we set out to do, and the things you want us to do.

And now, may I, on behalf of the Board of Directors and Officers of the C.P.S., wish you all a very happy Christmas and Prosperous New Year, and that, in this coming 1953, may we see a real fulfillment of that old Christmas Message -- "Peace on Earth and Goodwill to All Men".

Nous voilà au seuil d'une nouvelle année, et en regardant en arrière, vers les huit dernière mois il me semble que nous avons tout lieu d'être satisfaits des progrès que nous avons pu réaliser. Nous avons, à l'heure actuelle, dix-huit sociétés philatéliques, qui sont devenues des sections régionales de la C.P.S., et plusieurs autres ne tarderont pas à nous envoyer leur adhésions.

Cette lettre mensuelle est à jour et notre revue The Canadian Philatelist a un nouveau rédacteur en chef, M. Phil Miller, qui, avec son bureau éditorial, est en train de préparer le numéro de premier mars.

Le nombre de nouveaux membres ne manque pas de nous surprendre un peu ainsi que le nombre de renouvellements qui trentent continuellement.

Tout cela entraîne une grande somme de travail pour les membres de votre bureau national. Est-il donc juste de laisser tout le travail à nous? Nous estimons que chaque nombre, d'un bout du pays à l'autre, doit se faire un devoir de nous apporter son écot, si petit soit-il, sous forme d'idées, de critiques constructives, d'articles pour la revue, d'entrefilets pour cette Newsletter. Si tout le monde pousse un petit peu à la toue de cette façon alors on pourra dire en toute vérité que la Canadian Philatelic Society est bien la société nationale de tous les philatélistes du Canada.

Au seuil de 1953, nous prions à chacun de nos membres, en quelque endroit qu'il se trouve, de nous donner un coup de main, afin que nous puissions atteindre les objectifs que nous nous sommes fixés et que vous désirez que nous atteignons.

Au nom du conseil d'administration et du bureau de la Canadian Philatelic Society, je vous souhaite un Joyeux Noël et que la Nouvelle Année vous apporte tous Bonheur, Santé et Prospérité - La paix sur la terre à nous les hommes de bonne volonté.

W. V. Sherman
President

OTTAWA LETTER

BY WILLIAM GLADISH
2ND VICE-PRES., C.P.S.

If you want to learn some things about the Canadian Post Office Department, you have to go many miles from Ottawa.

Take, for instance, the date for the appearance of the new regular issue of stamps bearing the portrait of Queen Elizabeth the Second. We had to go to a store in the New York area to find out that the set will go on sale in the Canadian Capital on Tuesday, April 14, and that the series will comprise the five low values from 1¢ to 5¢.

It's true that the denominations will be from 1¢ to 5¢ but the suggested date is a mere guess, according to what we hear. It might be close, however, because we're pulling for the new "Queens" to come out at the time of the 25th Canadian Philatelic Society Convention in April.

Another rumour is that the Philatelic Section, Postage Stamp Division, Financial Branch, P.O. Department, to give the full title, is going out of business. This talk, apparently originating many miles from Ottawa, was heard at a time when the staff of the Philatelic Bureau (short form) was up to its proverbial neck with orders, principally for the latest pair of Prime Ministers and the seven-cent regular stamp. The philatelic staff in the Blackburn Building was having one of its busiest periods on record when the closing yarn was mooted.

The rumoured alternative was a philatelic wicket at principal post offices. But what was going to happen to thousands of mail orders from places where the Canada P.O. could not operate a philatelic wicket in this and other countries.

It is a certainty that Canada will continue to print one-cent stamps indefinitely, because they are the "small change" that combined with other denominations, make up a required postal rate. Anyway, don't try to kill the "ace" because it's just about the only thing you can buy with a one-cent coin.

Incidentally, the Canada Post Office wishes that everybody would stop calling the new seven-cent air "airmail stamp". It isn't so, because it's a stamp with a face value that fits into the postal-rate structure with or without air service. A swell stamp, too.

Has anybody found any so-called errors in Canada's Red Cross Commemorative? Perhaps we should call them printing deviations. Right here in Ottawa there is a list of more than a half-hundred minor and minute deviations in the two-color job, but that is no reflection on the Canadian Bank Note Co., which turned out a splendid run of this issue. We personally, are not looking for mosquito specks, anyway.

When we were attending the Royal Agricultural Winter Fair in Toronto we were handed, among various souvenirs, a Red Cross calendar card. And dog-gone, if the design on the back of the card wasn't the same as that of our Red Cross stamp, including the "flying saucers", as the clouds have been called. The color was more of a purple, however. The similarity reminded us of the old gag about the chicken and the egg. Which was the first, by the way?

The latest item at time of writing to be sold out at the office of the Philatelic Section was the OHMS overprint of the 1946 20-cent pictorial showing the reaper and harvester, listed in the catalogue as O-8. You can still get it with the "G" overprint, No. O-23.

Among the "Officials" plate-number blocks are not available in the OHMS overprints in the following: OOL, 7¢ airmail of 1946; O9, \$1 train ferry of 1946; and O11, 50¢ oil well of 1950. That can mean one thing. Figure it out for yourself. We're not revealing any secrets.

NEWS OF THE OTTAWA CLUBS

3 Ottawa Clubs - Ottawa Philatelic Society - RA Stamp Club, a unit of the Civil Service Recreation Assoc., and the Bytown Stamp Club - serve to keep philatelic interest at a grand level in the Ottawa area.

OPS held their banquet recently - and announced awards in their Annual Competition, which saw Dr. D. W. B. York take the championship trophy with his display of stamps of Israel. Their Thursday night meetings weekly

are well attended and planned.

RA Stamp Club meet on Wednesdays, in new quarters in the Ottawa Technical School, which has greatly improved their attendance.

Monday nights are reserved by Ottawa philatelists for meetings held by the Bytown Stamp Club. Their new president is W.C. Tunnoch, of Ottawa Hydro.

The three clubs keep things humming up Ottawa way.

C. P. S. LIBRARY

The question has been raised - "What are the numerous 'files' you mention as being in the library?" Well, they are files of clippings of philatelic interest from magazines and papers, - and they have been divided into some 223 different country and group headings. You can borrow the 'file' of the country or subjects that interest you on the usual library terms - you pay postage both ways - that's all.

The list is long - space doesn't allow its publication in one issue, so we'll list a few of the file headings each month for a while.

C.P.S. Library "Clipping Files" are available on:

Abyssinia	Armenia
Aden	Ascension
Afghanistan	Australia
Airmails	Austria
Antigua	Azerbaijan
Argentine	
Bahamas	Br. East Africa
Batum	& Uganda
Barbadoes	Br. Guiana
Bavaria	Br. Honduras
Belgian Congo	Br. Somaliland
Belgium	Br. Solomon Is.
Biography	Br. West Indies
Bolivia	Brunei
Booklet Panes	Bulgaria
Bosnia & Hergovina	
Brazil	
British Empire #1	
British Empire #2	

Cameroon	Chile
Campione	China - File 1
Canada - File 1	China - File 2
Canada - File 2	Cilicia
Canada - File 3	Club Projects
Canada - File 4	Collecting
Can. Provinces	Confederate St.
Can. Law & Revenue	Colombia
Can. Postal History	Corea
" Pre Stamp Period	Costa Rica
Canal Zone	C.P.S. Archives
Cape of Good Hope	Cuba
Cataloguing	Cyprus
Cayman Islands	Czecho-Slovakia
Ceylon	Files 1 and 2
Channel Islands	

(Further list next month)

Red Cross Stamp - Since our own Red Cross Stamp came out, collection of these stamps as a topical has increased in popularity. The Library has a complete check-list of Red Cross Stamps, with data for a write-up of the history of the Red Cross. Drop us a line if interested.

Herb. Buckland,
Librarian, Pt. Perry.

BRIEFS FROM THE CLUBS

Vancouver, B.C. - The B.C. Philatelic Society Annual Exhibition was the biggest and best to date, both in frames submitted, attendance and financial returns. 196 frames were on display, including a wonderful selection of Gerry Wellburn's non-competitive showing of "Postal History of Canada". The Junior Section had 16 entries, and quality of the Ladies' Section entries was high. A. L. Powell's 'Hong Kong' won the Gold Medal for best collection, and he had hidden this under water for 4 yrs. while in a Jap concentration camp during the war. J.H. Southey-Silver Medal for 'Gambia' in the BE Section, and Frank Park for 'Poland' in the Foreign Section, and the Geo. Stripp Cup for Ladies to Mrs. Ope. for 'Australia' were other winners. Edmonton, Alta. - Main attraction at the Dec. 15th meeting was Prof. H. Grayson-Smith's talk on "Collecting History".

Windsor, Ont. - Windsor "Y" Stamp Club concluded a most successfully managed 7th Annual Exhibition and Bourse on Oct. 4th and 5th, and at once appointed a Committee for an even bigger '8th' to be held during May next. The Club has been exchanging visits with the Chatham - Kent Philatelic Society which has been mutually enjoyable. Both are C.P.S. Chapter Members. Good news that the boys are getting together.

Leamington, Ont. - We hear that the Leamington Philatelic Society are planning their first Exhibition on either Jan. 10 or 17, 1953. Hope our members in Western Ontario will give Leamington a boost in their new venture.

Toronto, Ont. - North Toronto Stamp Club as usual are keeping humming with many special 'dos', such as an open discussion of "What Shall I Collect" (Nov. 27) and the Christmas Party (Dec. 19) which included Turkey Draws and the annual Donation Auction for the IOBE Hospital.

Brantford, Ont. - Brantford Optimist Club are sponsoring the Optimist Boys' Stamp Club as a boys' work project. Many senior collectors of Brantford are interested and support the project, and the Brantford Public Library are putting in a section of books on stamp collecting. Consideration is being given to opening the club to girls as well as boys.

Ed. Note:

We have more items of interest on hand which space this month doesn't permit using. Try to use it later. Meantime, keep sending in the news.

CONVENTION NEWS

We are now drawing much closer to April, only 4 months away, and those of our members intending to come to Toronto for our Convention and wishing Hotel Reservations should write us about it as soon as possible.

I haven't as yet seen the Exhibition plans, but no doubt our President has them well in hand and will make the announcement of them soon.

If you have "Draw Tickets" please send in stubs and remittances soon, to either the writer or Secretary.

The full programme of our Jubilee Convention will appear soon now, and we hope you are planning to celebrate the occasion with us, and will drop us a line and let us know.

SALES DEPT.

The Sales Manager has had a three week delay in hospital, having had an operation, but wishes to report he is now home again and is feeling much better.

Naturally, to catch up four weeks mail in my department is quite a big chore, but I wish to state that everything is now pretty well straightened out, and circuits will be in full swing again soon, or by or about the time you read this report.

Sales for the 8 months of activity during this Society year exceed \$5000.00 and many new good books are being received regularly. You, too can participate in this department. Just drop me a line as soon as possible saying what countries you find interesting.

And now, to all members, I would say 'Compliments of the Season' and many thanks for all your kind wishes past and present.

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

JUBILEE FUND

We are very grateful to the members who have so kindly contributed to this special fund, which will be used to offset the many added expenditures in connection with our April 1953, Jubilee Convention.

The previous total announced was \$218.00 and since that we have received further contributions:

Previously reported:	\$218.00
T. H. Beckett	2.00
Dr. J. H. Goodwin	25.00
W. A. Kennedy	5.00
Rev. D. Goodger	5.00
J. E. N. Paul	2.00
G. B. Robertson	5.00
Donation Auction at Brantford Club	23.00 67.00
	\$285.00

The Convention Committee Chairman, C. Woodhead, 123 Albertus Ave. Toronto 12, would be pleased to receive your contribution. - C.W.

EDITOR'S NOTE:

Perhaps there are members who would like to contribute stamps instead of cash to this fund. If so send them in and we'll have another of those mail auctions like we conducted through the News-Letter last year.

17 CHAPTERS NOW

Since last issue seven additional Chapters have become linked with C.P.S. activities, making 17 Clubs from coast to coast in Canada thus linked up together in the National Society. In the next issue we will publish details of the seven Clubs not already listed in the Newsletter with dates and meeting places and a list of major officers. C.P.S.'ers are urged to keep these lists, and when visiting in their towns be sure to drop in at their meetings.

WELCOME TO MORE NEW MEMBERS

5525 Horace Livingstone	54 Eastmount Ave.	Toronto, Ont.
5526 Eric J. Wain	285 Edison Ave.	St. Lambert 23, P.Q.
5527 Eric Broudal	14 Balsam Ave.	Toronto, Ont.
5528 S. A. Caccamo	P.O. Box 58	Schrieber, Ont.
5529 L. M. Price	185 Poplar Plains Rd.	Toronto 5, Ont.
5530 A. R. Alexandre	Box 215, Terminal "A"	Toronto, Ont.
5531 Miss Lillian Wilson	686 Galt Ave.	Verdun, Que.
5532 J. L. Smythe	Four Winds	Como, Que.
5533 A. G. Hooper		
5534 George Mangotich	Box 236	Schumacher, Ont.
5535 W. S. Richards		Wiseton, Sask.
5536 Gerard Martel		St. Hubert, P.Q.