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JUBILEE CONVENTION REPORT

Our Silver Jubilee celebration has come and gone, and we are indebted to all our members and their friends who made this event a grand success.

More than 2000 people attended the Exhibition and Convention doings at the King Edward Hotel, on April 16-17-18, and over 1000 registered in the book for the records.

The Exhibition was a fair representation from members from various points across Canada and in both quality and quantity hit a very high standard. The prize winners were well distributed throughout our membership and the prize-winners will be listed in the "Canadian Philatelist" which contains a full convention report, and which will be mailed the first week in June.

The Post Office Department exhibited a very fine lot of frames, including advance proofs of the Coronation Stamp to be issued on June 1st. Also on display were various plaques and awards made to the Department by various world governments and international exhibitions.

About 15 members and dealers occupied Bourse Tables during the Convention and good sales were reported. The C.S.D.A. held a meeting during the Convention and it is proposed that all stamp collectors should support the suggested "National Stamp Week" which should be held sometime in the Fall Season. No doubt we will hear more about this later.

Our own Annual Meeting was well attended and followed by a Buffet luncheon in the Yellow Room. As previously stated full reports of the C.P.S. Convention doings appear in the issue of the "Philatelist" now on the press.

The Banquet in the Crystal Ball Room was attended by over 200 members and friends of the society. An unusual feature was that all four senior members of the Post Office Dept., including Hon. Alcide Cote, Postmaster General, and his able assistants, Messrs. Turnbull, Mills and Carpenter.

The "Silver Jubilee Draw" for 50 prizes, was well conducted and members from near and far were well represented among the winners. The entertainment and general programme was of a high calibre. The evening and the convention ended on a high plane and we can mark this one down as a great success.

C. Woodhead,
Chairman, Convention Committee.

ARE YOUR DUES PAID ?

As of April 1st, 1953 Membership Fees in the Society became due for the ensuing year, and notices to this effect were sent to all members.

We are very pleased with the result. Renewals of membership have simply poured in, with the result that already a large percentage of our members are in good standing for the coming year.

But there are always those who, with the best of intentions, set aside the renewal notice, intending to take care of it 'right away', but somehow fail to get round to it.

If YOU haven't renewed - this is a gentle reminder that we are anxious to hear from you. Use the handy cheque form you received, fill it in, mail it to Secretary Fred Green, 1966 Queen St. E., Toronto - and again become a member of the happy family.

BITS AND PIECES

...Following the succession of stamp issues for Canada - animals, queens, Coronations - it seemed as if things might quieten down for a while. But the surge of righteous indignation which greeted the appearance of our new 'Queens' brings from Ottawa the admission that they won't be used too long, and that new designs are even now in the 'works'. They claim that it took a year and a half to prepare the Queen issue, and promise an issue to replace them in about six or eight months. Does that mean the Department gave up on the present issue long before they were even printed, and started over again - and is it likely that what they failed to do in 18 months before they can now successfully do in 6? It does prove one thing though - that the voice of the public can still be heard in the land.

...One of the finest little examples of how to issue a Year Book comes to hand from the Regina Philatelic Society, who have just issued their 4th Annual. In handy pocket size, neat and well printed, it lists officers, members, and much pertinent information of value to collectors. Their Secretary, R.R. Doxsee, 2913 Rae St. Regina, offers to send a copy to any interested Chapter Secretary.

...Many Club and Chapter Exhibitions have been held the last few weeks - only a few of them have been reported to us as yet.

...Windsor 'Y' Club had a big one - drew entries from all over Canada, and from U.S.

...North Toronto used the slogan - 'Second Only to Capex' in reviewing their Exhibition in their bulletin. They had 63 exhibits totalling 193 frames - the largest in their history - and they've usually had the biggest locally.

...East Toronto also had a big time although they were cursed with bad weather that day. Nevertheless, it was a bang-up show that did credit to its organizers and their members. Haven't got the statistics on it but have heard glowing reports.

...Our President informs us that in response to his inquiry he has been advised by Ottawa that in the printing of our Coronation stamp, plate defects developed, and that not only Plate 1 was replaced by Plate 3 but also Plate 2 needed replacement and a Plate 4 was used for this purpose. His information does not state that all 4 plates will be available for post office sale but does say they will be available at the Philatelic Branch.

SALES DEPARTMENT SETS NEW RECORDS

The Sales Manager wishes to be excused for delay in sending out the usual circuits because of his special duties as chairman of the Convention Committee. However, he reports that things are nearly back to normal now and he is ready to again take care of your requirements, and is ready for another bumper year both in sales and service.

The month of March set a new record of \$1300.00 sales, April dropped off somewhat, not because of any lack of material or interest, but for the aforementioned reason - and now May sales are rolling again.

The proof of the pudding is in the eating, they say - and our books must be good and prices reasonable to obtain these high sales.

Your Sales Department operates 12 months in the year. Even during the summer sales are very good, and we can always use more books. Good material always sells well, and Canadian and higher value used British Colonials are especially acceptable.

So make your hobby work for you even during the summer by having the books of your extras in circulation. Send them to the Sales Manager - Mr. C. Woodhead - 123 Albertus Ave., Toronto - or write him for blank books.

ABOUT THE LIBRARY

We haven't heard much from the Library lately, but that's because a great deal of new material has been secured for it recently -- Librarian Herbert Buckland of Port Perry, Ont. has been hard pressed for both time and space to file and catalog it.

However, summer time is a good time to catch up on the research part of the hobby, so write to Herb. for material on your favorite branch of philately, or the latest material on the country you specialize in. That's what the Library is for, and we are sure there'll be material there covering every conceivable branch of our hobby. Not quite the demand now as in mid-winter, so a better chance to get a good selection of the material you want.

Just address C.P.S. Librarian, Herbert Buckland, Port Perry, Ontario and remember that the only cost to you is the two-way postage on it.

THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

by Louis Lamouroux, Toronto

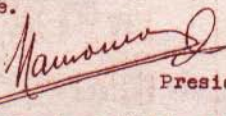
Your Directors have seen fit to honour me with the Presidency of the Canadian Philatelic Society for the coming year, an honour which I have done nothing to deserve but which I shall do my best to uphold by following in the traces of my distinguished predecessors.

Fortunately, the Society has very competent and keen officers and directors to help me, but, just the same, I ask every member, from Victoria to St. John's, to give me his moral support, if the Society is to continue the progress of the past few years.

It is my firm intention to visit as many Chapters as possible in the course of the coming months. Inevitably, I shall only be able to go to those within a comparatively short distance of Toronto, and, I hope, to those in Montreal and Quebec. But I would like to assure all our members and chapters located in the more distant points, from the Pacific to the Atlantic, that they are not forgotten. If I can not be with them physically, they will always be present in my thoughts.

The object of the Canadian Philatelic Society is the encouragement and the development of Philately in Canada, and if the head of the Society is in Toronto, its heart is in the breast of every philatelist in Canada.

If you have any problem, or require any assistance in some philatelic matter, please do not hesitate to write to me: The President, Officers and Directors of the Society, YOUR SOCIETY, ask for nothing better than to be of assistance to you in every way possible.



President.

Votre conseil d'administration a cru bon de me faire l'honneur de m'élire à la présidence de la Canadian Philatelic Society pour l'année à venir. Je n'ai pas fait grand'chose pour le mériter, mais je ferai de mon mieux pour continuer les traditions de mes éminents prédécesseurs.

Heureusement, la Société a un bureau et un conseil d'administration de la plus haute compétence, mais néanmoins, si les progrès réalisés par la Société au cours des dernières années doivent continuer, je dois compter sur l'appui moral de chacun de nos membres, d'un océan à l'autre.

J'ai fermement l'intention de visiter autant de nos sections régionales que possible au cours des mois à venir. Evidemment, ces visites n'auront forcément lieu qu'aux sections qui ne sont pas trop éloignées de Toronto, et, je l'espère, à celles de Montréal et de Québec, mais je tiens à assurer tous nos membres et toutes nos sections régionales qu'elles ne sont pas oubliées, de la Colombie Britannique à Terre-Neuve, que je ne les oublie pas. Si je ne peux aller les voir en personne, ils seront toujours présents dans ma pensée.

L'objet de la Canadian Philatelic Society est d'encourager et de développer la Philatélie au Canada, et si le cerveau de la Société se trouve à Toronto, on en trouve le couer dans la poitrine de chaque philatélite au Canada.

Si vous recherchez la solution de quelque problème philatélique, n'hésitez donc pas à m'envoyer un mot. Le Président, le Bureau et le Conseil d'Administration de la Société, de VOTRE Société, ne demandent pas mieux que de vous aider dans toute la mesure du possible.

Ed. Note - The new President of the Canadian Philatelic Society, whose first message to members appears above, is Mr. Louis Lamouroux. He lives at 222 Lawrence Ave. West, Toronto. Why not drop him a line welcoming him to his new office and giving him your suggestions for the future activities of your Society. While it is true that the President, Officers and Directors operate the Society, they do it for you, and welcome any constructive criticisms and suggestions. You'll find Louis friendly and co-operative, and in the Philatelist, and future News Letters you'll see his picture and learn why the Directors chose him as your President for 1953-54.

JUBILEE CONVENTION REPORT

Your Convention Committee submit for your perusal the following Statement of Receipts and Disbursements in connection with our Convention, which was held in Toronto on April 16-17-18.

This statement shows that despite the fact that a Convention of this magnitude entails a great deal of extra expense, the extra revenue from the Special Jubilee Fund, the Draw Tickets and the Convention Auction, enabled us to successfully finance the Convention without draining the Treasury of the Society. The thanks of the Committee go out to all those members who in various ways aided us financially in making the Convention a success.

<u>Receipts</u>	<u>FINANCIAL REPORT</u>		<u>Disbursements</u>
Souvenirs sold (593)	\$148.25	Printing Expense	\$ 91.00
Liquid Refreshments	134.50	Meeting Room	67.90
Draw Tickets sold	740.00	Entertainment	149.00
Jubilee Fund	543.00	Ribbons (R & P)	34.80
Commission - Auction	54.12	Cost of Draw	462.00
Dinners sold (188)	644.00	Telegram to Queen	6.00
		Postage Stamps	90.00
		Incidentals	12.85
		Buffet Lunch	99.00
		Dinners & Receipts	725.15
		Room Rents	225.00
		P.A. System	30.00
		Commissionaires	56.10
		Complimentary Dinners (7)	22.75
		Liquids	74.00
		Albums	24.99
		J. Sercombe Co.	59.40
		Frame Rentals	30.00
		Cash Balance	<u>3.93</u>
	<u>\$ 2263.87</u>		<u>\$ 2263.87</u>

Submitted by C. Woodhead
Chairman.

JUBILEE FUND

This fund, which contributed in a large measure to the Financial success of the Convention, finally totalled the grand sum of \$533.28.

The amounts not previously acknowledged are as follows:

S. H. Beardall	\$ 2.00
Albert Uzas	2.00
Anonymous	12.29
Jack Fraser	7.00
A. A. MacDonald	1.00
Stamps Auctioned	<u>27.25</u>
Total of fund	<u>\$ 533.28</u>

We wish to thank all our contributors to this Fund.

C. Woodhead.

FROM THE SECRETARY

The Secretary takes this opportunity to thank all those whose support and co-operation made possible a much lighter job for him. While Cyril Woodhead was the Chairman of the Convention Committee, a lot of detail work came through the Secretary's hands, and it was only with the help of all our members present in person and in spirit that everything was kept running smoothly.

The burden of a job like this is changed to a pleasure when everyone pitches in and co-operates.

Now let's move on to new success in the coming year.

Fred Green.

BILL FREEMAN RETIRES

Following the Annual Meeting, the Board of Directors met on the Saturday morning to elect the Officers for the coming year. It was with great regret that they found that President Bill Freeman declined to stand for re-election for the coming year, explaining that he was retiring from business and would be moving to Niagara-on-the-Lake, Ont. Bill is convinced that the president of the Society should be located in Toronto to be in constant touch with the Society's affairs. Since no arguments of the Directors could change his mind it was with extreme regret that his resignation was accepted. However he'll remain on the Board and bring us the benefit of his experience in this way.

Mr. Louis Lamouroux, a past President of the North Toronto Club, with wide experience in philatelic matters, was elected to succeed him. His first message to the members is contained on the inside pages.