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A WORD FROM THE PRESIDENT

AT THE HALF-WAY POINT of the Philatelic Year and with the Annual Convention and Exhibition only a couple of months or so away, it may be useful to pause a while and take stock of our Society.

Most of you will agree that THE CANADIAN PHILATELIST has vastly improved and is getting better all the time, but we still need contributors and our advertising is showing a tendency to fall behind. I must reiterate that advertising is the life-blood of our magazine and it is quite impossible to run it without advertising. On the othter hand, we can not ask advertisers to support us merely to benefit the Society. They must obtain results, and I earnestly entreat each one of our members and each of our Chapters to patronize our advertisers in every way possible. Your officers have already set the example by procuring their new issues from people who advertise in C.P. and giving up their usual suppliers who do not patronize it.

You will shortly hear the announcement of a Membership Campaign, to begin in September. Cyril Woodhead, that redoutable fountain of energy, will be the mainspring thereof, so there is no need to say more for the time being. However, may I be permitted to remark that in the course of the last few months, while perusing the membership rolls of a number of foreign societies, I have been struck by the number of their CANADIAN members who are NOT members of the Canadian Philatelic Society, their own national society! It is funny how distant pastures always look greener, but how often are they really so?

As you know, the Chapter idea has been a great success since its adoption two years or so ago. We now have 35 Chapters from Coast and I welcome warmly into our ranks our two latest ones, the Honesty Stamp Club of Oakville, a very lively junior organization under the watchful eye of the Oakville Philatelic Society, and the Société Philatélique de la Mauricie, of Shawinigan Falls, a very fine club of the St. Maurice Valley. But we have no Chapter as yet in several important centres, and also, there are quite a number of clubs of whose existence we have only learnt recently. We shall not fail to do our best to get these to join us, but I would ask every individual member in whose locality there is a club that is not known to us, either to do his best to get it to be admitted to Chaptership, or to let me know of its existence, together with the name and address of its President.

Your senior officers recently hied themselves to Montreal to meet with the Chairman of the Convention Committee and the Montreal Advisory Committee, and also to hold a Board Meeting there. It was a very tiring week-end for them, but, looking back on our trip, we can truthfully say that an astonishing amount of real good work was done and we came back to Toronto with the deep feeling that it was well worth while.

The Convention, to be held on the 22nd, 23rd, and 24th April, promises to be an outstanding one in every respect. We earnestly hope that a large number of our members from outside Montreal will be there and attend the Annual Meeting. We anticipate a goodly number from Ontario and Quebec, but it would be a great pleasure to all of us to meet some of our more distant friends and we venture to hope that some one will,

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NORWAY CELEBRATES STAMP CENTENARY

by A. H. CHRISTENSEN







NORWAY'S first postage stamp was issued on January 1, 1855, and at that time uniform postal rates were introduced in Norway.

To commemorate the occasion a set of three stamps showing photographic reproductions in miniature of Norwegian stamps and the dates 1855-1955 encirclel in a wreath of leaves, as illustrated, were issued on January 3. Norway's first stamp is shown on the 20 ore value which is printed in green, the 30 ore red shows the first Norwegian stamp of the Post-horn type and the 55 ore blue depicts one of the first stamps of the lion type. The size of these commemorative stamps is 27.4 x 21.1 mm. They are perforated 13 and printed on unwatermarked paper in sheets of a hundred. The design was made by Ole K. Mitsem and the stamps were produced by photogravure by Emil Moestue A/S of Oslo. Five millions of the 20 ore will be issued, ten millions of the 30 ore and three millions of the 55 ore value.

Before 1855 postage in Norway was dependent on the distance the mail had to be conveyed and the rates, which were very high, were not easily determined. At first the postage stamps were only applicable for inland letters, but after some time they were also made valid for mail addressed to foreign countries.

The use of postage stamps was introduced at a time of constant extension of the network of communication in Norway as well as abroad. Traffic showed a corresponding increase, due to the simultaneous development of commercial relations and greater industrial activities. The uniform and lower rates also contributed to a growing exchange of correspondence. The following particulars from official statistics give an idea of this development. During the year 1855, when the postage stamp was brought into use in Norway, the number of correspondence was well over two millions. At the turn of the century this had increased to 57 millions while in 1953 it had reached 317 millions.

Norway's first stamp, the 4 shilling blue, was typographed by M. Wolfsberg of Christiania from a die engraved by M. Zarbell and were issued imperforated on paper showing a watermark of a lion rampant with battle-axe. Just over two millions were issued. They were produced in sheets of 200 arranged in four panes of fifty subjects. A great deal of study has been devoted to this classic and the four panes have been successfully plated. The two major varieties are the double foot on the right hind leg of the lion and the cracked plate variety. Copies are to be found with bars cancellations, numeral cancellations indicating the numbers alloted to the various post offices, and with circular dated town cancellations.

The stamps are also to be found pen-cancelled sometimes with the numeral of the particular office of origin. Several scarce ship cancellations are also to be found on this stamp. The largest known used block in existence is a block of 39 which is illustrated in the prospectus of "Norway-Oslo 1955", the International Stamp Exhibition which is being held in Oslo under the patronage of H.M. King Haakon VII. This date having been decided upon so that philatelists could visit Norway during the beautiful summer months and could also more conveniently attend the International Stamp Exhibition "Stockholmia" which is being held from July 1 to 10 in conjunction with the centenary of the issue of Sweden's first postage stamp on July 1, 1855.

For those who want an interesting country to collect, the stamps of Norway have much to recommend themselves. They are both colourful, particularly the early issues, and present plenty of scope for the specialist. There are no great rarities, except of course large multiple pieces, and the early issues lend themselves to the formation of a collection showing many interesting cancellations—such as ships, used abroad, etc. Used blocks of all the early issues are definitely scarce.

The first commemorative stamps were issued in 1914 showing the Constitutional Assembly and since then Norway has issued many interesting stamps showing scenes and personalities from Norwegian history.

ANOTHER TROPHY

With a view to encouraging exhibits of France and French Colonies Group, a Trophy for this section has been presented to the Society. All countries included in part I of the Yvert & Tellier catalogue will be admissible for this group, including such countries as Andorre and Monaco. As the Trophy is presented by our President, it will be known as the "Lamouroux Trophy".

STORY OF A TRIP TO MONTREAL

Recently, your Senior Officers deemed it wise to make a journey to Montreal for Society matters, and journeyed there by the Inter-City flyer(?), leaving Toronto at 4 p.m. and arriving (supposedly) in Montreal at 10.15 p.m.

At Belleville, 125 miles, we were already an hour late and the journey was beginning to be tedious, so we adjourned to the diner for a cupacawfee and some further sustenance (mainly for Fred Green, who seems to be eternally hungry!). After we had sat down, we noticed, at the table across the aisle, a gentleman reading Sissons' catalogue. We promptly invited him to sit with us. Behind us, were four people, one of whom, on hearing us talk on stamps, also came and spoke with us. And when the waiter came for our order, we discovered that he also was a collector!

Later on, we returned to our seats and then discovered that a lady sitting across the aisle was also a Stamp Collector. Finally, Cyril Woodhead brought out some sales books he was taking along with him and before you could say Jack Robinson, we had quite a crowd around us and Cyril was doing a land office business.

The train ended up by being two hours and twenty minutes late in Montreal, but we can not confirm the rumour that this was due to the engineer and fireman stopping the train in order to get hold of a few bargains out of the C.P.S. books. It is possible though!

As, from all accounts, the Toronto-Montreal pool trains seem to make it a habit of being late, it might be an added attraction for the CNR and CPR to run a philatelic bourse on the trip. No charge is being made for the suggestion, for it would undoubtedly help to while away the tedium of the journey!

Montreal Advisory Committee

Your Board of Directors is very pleased to announce that Mr. L. R. Haldimand, of the Westmount Stamp Club, has kindly consented to serve on the Montreal Advisory Committee and give us the benefit of his long experience and good counsel.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Sir:

I wonder if some C.P.S. member can help me. I have a block of 4 Canada postage dues with part of a smudged cancellation which seems to read—

"Please - et-
cover to - -"

all in upper case type, no serifs, in two lines.

If some one can complete this and tell in what circumstances it was used, I shall be very grateful.

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this year, come from a point even more distant than Mr. A. N. Peatman last year, who came from Lancaster, N.B. being a member of Chapter No. 20, the Saint-John Stamp Club. Who will have the honour of being the visitor from the most distant point this year?

Entry forms for EXUP VII were sent out with the January issue of C.P. and Year-Book Remember the closing date for entries: **19th March,** exhibits to be in the hands of the Convention Committee by the **20th April.** I am looking forward to the great pleasure of distributing a few prizes and trophies to members from outside Quebec and Ontario, so you Maritimers and Westerners, don't disappoint me! You have just as good material as we have around these parts, so get in there and prove it!

Incidentally, besides the trophy Vice-President Christensen has presented for Great Britain, there will be a special trophy or medal for France and French Union section. This will be announced in detail later.

So, ON TO MONTREAL IN APRIL!

VU LA LONGEUR INACCOUTUMEE de mon message ce mois-ci, je prie tous nos membres de langue française de bien vouloir m'excuser de ne pas en faire une version en français. Il aurait fallu une autre page entière, que le rédacteur consacre à quelque chose de bien plus intéressant. Le mois prochain, je raccourcirai mon message et reprendrai la version française. Merci d'avance.

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CANADIAN NEWS

by

U. KNOHU

SCOOP—or at least it is as these lines are being written on January 21st. A printing has appeared of the 1953 Queen design stamp, 4c value, in Aniline Ink similar to that which occurred for part of the printing of the $-1938 Chateau da Ramezay stamp. The Queen stamp was found by a Montreal collector in used condition and as yet it is not known if this variety is sold locally in that area or not as this is the only stamp, mint or used, that has come to light. In the used condition, that is washed off paper, the colour is a dark vivid purple to the naked eye, almost like some of the bright photograveur British Colony stamps. Under the lamp the stamp fluoresces vividly. Both under natural light and under the lamp the stamp is much brighter in colour than the Chateau stamp.

The first post office in Western Canada is celebrating its one hundredth anniversary on February 28th. This is Ross House, Winnipeg, and on that date a special centenary cachet will be applied to all letters posted from there so if you are interested send self-addressed envelopes to the Postmaster, Winnipeg for this event.

The new Canadian catalogue has been issued and the editor and associates have made a fine job. However, I must note that the last issue of stamps catalogued are the Queen portrait stamps and not future issues as was originally advertised and commented on by me in an earlier column.

I have been asked where one may obtain the Queen types of postal stationary not listed as for sale (see paragraph at the bottom of this column) by the Philatelic agency. With the exception of the 1953 Queen type Electrotype printed stamps impressed on envelopes, all the other types of this postal stationary can be bought at the main post offices, the only thing being that they have to be bought in minimum quantities of one thousand post cards. The Electrotype printings are printed on order for commercial envelope manufactures for private concerns. Collectors may be able to beg, borrow or buy these from either of the above two sources or, if lucky, find them on used commercial mail.

I have obtained one of the "thin" 5c Queen, 1953 design stamps advertised by English dealers and also seen some of these 'varieties" in the 1954 design stamps. On submission of the 5c stamp it has been suggested by the authorities that the thinness and transparency of this stamp, giving the apearance of less 'body' 'than normal stamp, is due to it being printed on a paper stock that is of the minimum tolerance allowed the paper manufacturer and also that the quantity of gum affixed to the stamp is less than average.

The following is a list of Queen stamp plate blocks and postal stationary available at the Philatelic Agency as of the middle of January:

QUEEN ELIZABETH 1953 Design:

1c—Plate 1 and 2 (Plates 1 UL and 2 LR out of stock).
2c, 3c, 5c—Plates 1 and 2.
4c—Plates 1 and 3.

QUEEN ELIZABETH 1954 Design:

1c, 3c, 6c—Plates 1 and 2.
2c—Plates 1 to 3 inclusixe.
4c—Plates 1 to 4 inclusive.
5c—Plates 1 to 5 inclusive.
(Plate 1 UL out of stock).

POSTAL STATIONARY:

Post Cards—
2c Green ivory card, Q.E. 54.
2c Green, buff card, Q.E. 54.
2c Green, Q.E. Reply Bilingual (Value 4c) 53.
2c Green, Q.E. Reply English (Value 4c) 53.

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RECENT NEW ISSUES





















The Realm Of Stamps

By Montor

AS the time is fast approaching to get exhibits ready to make arrangements to attend the Society's 27th. Annual Convention and Exhibition, which is being held this year in Montreal on April 22-24 it is proposed to devote this month's colum to this event. The host club is the Union Philatelique de Montreal and the convention and exhibition committees are under the co-chairmanship of Mr. J. P. Rouleau and Mr. G. Normand.

The Exhibition, "EXUP VII", will be held in the College Mont Saint - Louis, 244 Sherbrooke Street East and it is anticipated that entries will be coming in from members of the Society all across Canada. There are many fine trophies for competition. The present list of C.P.S. Trophies for annual competition is as follows: It is understood that several more are being presented.

The Seagram Trophy for B.N.A. 19th Century; The Woodhead Trophy for B.N.A. 20th. Century; The Christensen Trophy for Great Britain; The Harris Trophy for British Commonwealth; The B. F. Goodrich Trophy for United States of America; The Green Trophy for Europe; The Hanselman Trophy for 20th. Century Canadian Covers; The Ford Trophy for Inter-Club competition; The Brisley Trophy for the Best Exhibit in the Show; and the Canadian Stamp Dealers Trophy for the Best Exhibit by Popular Vote.

Another feature of this Exhibition will be the Government exhibits which of course will be shown "Hors Concours". A number of most interesting displays have already been promised by the Post Offices of Foreign Governments.

At a meeting of the directors of the Canadian Philatelic Society held in Montreal in January the plans were discussed for the Convention and Exhibition prepared by the Committees of the Union Philatelique de Montreal and out of town delegates are assured of a very warm welcome to Montreal and to a most interesting programme of events. It is now announced that the Banquet will be held on the Saturday night April 23 at the Queens Hotel.

All information regarding the Exhibition, including particulars about exhibits and hotel accomodation may be obtained from the Union Philatelique de Montreal, P.O. Box 1061, Place d'Armes, Montreal.

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RECORD OF NEW ISSUES

ADEN. The 10 cents stamp was issued in a deeper shade on February 1.

AUSTRALIA. 3½d. carmine to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the founding of Rotary International will be issued on February 23. Design includes the Rotary badge superimposed on a globe upon which parts of the Australian and American continents are indicated.

BERMUDA. Newswrappers have been ordered bearing a ½d. stamp in green.

BRITISH GUIANA. Stamped Postal Stationery has been ordered as follows:—Registration envelope, 6 cents with stamp in blue; Envelope, 4 cents stamp in violet; Postcard, 2 cents stamp in green; and Newswrappers, 1 cent stamp in black and 2 cents stamp in green.

CAMBODIA. Stamps of India, 3 pies, 1 anna, 2 annas, 8 annas and 12 annas surcharged for use by Indian Army Postal Service, December 1.

FEDERATION OF MALAYA. Postcards bearing a 6 cents stamp in grey have been printed for Malacca, Pahang, Penang and Selangor. Postcards bearing a 6 cents stamp in grey and on a different type of card from that previously used have been ordered for Perak.

LAOS. Stamps of India, 3 pies, 1 anna, 2 annas, 8 annas and 12 annas surcharged for use by Indian Army Postal Service, December 1. (Illustrated on page 8).

PAKISTAN. 2 annas mauve to commemorate the conquest of K-2 (Mount Godwin Austen) by the Italians and Pakistanis July 31, 1954, issued on December 25. (Illustrated on page 8).

SINGAPORE. New definite set of 15 values has been ordered from 1 cent to $5. The designs will include a portrait of Her Majesty together with the Crown and will feature pictorial subjects. The nine lower values will depict types of craft trading to and from Singapore.

TURKS AND CAICOS ISLANDS. New values 5d. and 8d. issued February 1.

VIETNAM. Stamps of India, 3 pies, 1 anna, 2 annas, 8 annas and 12 annas surcharged for use by Indian Army Army Postal Service, December 1.

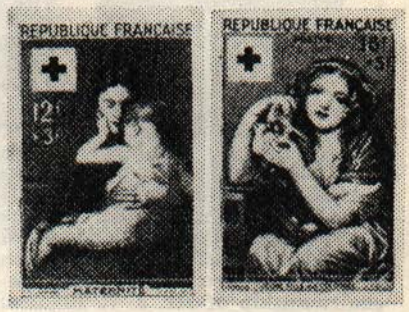
AUSTRIA. 1S. dark blue Christmas stamp issued November 30. (Illustrations page 8).

CANAL ZONE. 3 cents purple showing one of the railroad's earliest locomotives to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the completion of the Panama Railroad, the first transcontinental railroad in America.

CUBA—2c Green and Maroon, p. 10, Santa Claus—Quantity, 2,000,000; 4c. Rose and dark green, p. 10, Santa Claus, Quantity, 4,000,000. First day of issue, 15 December 1954.

4c blue, p. 10, Maria Luisa Dolt, Educator, quantity, 2,000,000; 12c airmail, red, p. 10, Maria Luisa Dolt, Educator, quantity, 500,000. First day of issue, 23 December 1954.

4c, green, p. 12½, 3rd National Encampment of Boy Scouts, quantity 2,000,000. First day of issue, 27 December 1954.



FRANCE. Set two Red Cross semi-postals depicting well known paintings. 12 fr. plus 3 fr. grey blue and blue black, "Maternity" or "The Sick Child" by Eugene Carriere (1849-1906) now in The Louve, Paris, and 15 fr. plus 5 fr. brown and sepia, "Young Girl with Doves" by Jean-Baptiste Greuze (1725-1805) now in the Wallace Collection, London. First day sale at Mulhouse December 18. (Illustrated above).



ISRAEL. 250 pruta dark blue to commemorate 50th anniversary of the Teachers' Association, January. (Illustration above).

ITALY. Set of two Marian Year commemoratives. 25 lire yellow-brown and 60 lire grey. Set of two stamps to commemorate the 5th centenary of Amerigo Vespucci, the Italian navigator and explorer who gave his name to America; 25 lire purple and 60 lire grey. (Illustrations on page .....).

JAPAN. Chichibu-Tama National Park set of two values. 5 yen

deep blue, Tama Gorge, and 10 yen dark red, Chichibu Mountains. Will also be issued in souvenir sheets on March 1.

NETHERLANDS. To commemorate the ratification of "The Statute for the Kingdom". Portrait of Queen Juliana in an oval around which is the legend "The Netherlands—The Netherlands Antilles—Surinam" arranged in such a manner that the name of the country of issue is always on top. 10 cents red on paper watermarked circles on December 15. On sale for one month.

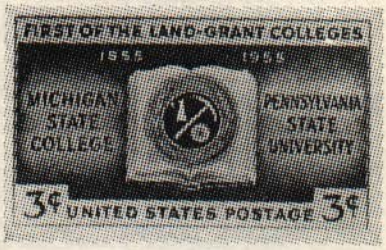
NETHERLANDS ANTILLES. To commemorate the ratification of "The Statute for the Kingdom". Similar design as Netherlands; 7½ olive-green, on unwatermarked paper, issued December 15.

NORWAY. Set of three values to commemorate Norways first postage stamp which was issued on January 1, 1855. 20 ore green. 30 ore red, and 55 ore blue. (See illustrations on page).

PANAMA. Series of postage stamps honouring the 259 "recognised" Popes has been authorised. The Pope Pius series of twelve stamps will be issued on March 2.

SURINAM. To commemorate the ratification of "The Statute for Kingdom". Similar designs as Netherlands, 7½ cents purple, on unwatermarked paper, issued Dec. 15.

SWITZERLAND. Set of four multicoloured publicity stamps will be issued February 15. 5c. brown, grey, yellow and red, showing Lausanne Cathedral, for National Philatelic Exhibition at Lausanne October 15-23. 10c. green, yellow, red and light brown, costume hat of Canton of Vaud for Winegrower's Festival at Vevey August 1-14. 20c. red and grey, 19th century alphorn-blower for Swiss Alpine Herdsman and Costume Festival at Interlaken-Unspunnen September 5-7. 40c blue, pink, silver grey and dark grey, automobile steering wheel for 25th. International Automobile Show at Geneva, March 10-20. A stamp block consisting of 10c. and 20c. stamps, of same design as the 5c. value, will be issued imperforated at 2 francs. The nett proceeds from which will be used for the purchase of frames and racks for the National Philatelic Exhibition at Lausanne. This miniature sheet will be printed in eight colours, and will be also issued on February 15.



UNITED STATES OF AMERICA. 3 cents green to commemorate the centennials of Michigan State College and Pennsylvania State University, first of the Land Grant institutions. First day sale at East Lansing, Michigan February 12. (Illustrated above).



UNITED STATES OF AMERICA. 8 cents blue to commemorate the 50th anniversary of Rotary International will be placed on first day sale at Chicago on February 23. (Illustrated above).

VATICAN CITY. Set of three stamps to commemorate termination of the Marian Year issued December 7. 20 L. lilac, gold and blue; 35L. ultramarine, gold and blue; and 60L. brownish yellow, gold and blue. Design was taken from a 15th century painting in Vilna Poland.

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4c Purple, K.G.
4c Purple, Q.E. 54.
Stamped Envelopes—
2c No. 8 Green, Q.E. 54.
2c No. 8 Green, Q.E. 53.
4c No. 8 Purple, Q.E. 53.
5c No. 8 Blue, Q.E. 53.
3c No. 8, revalued 5c.
2c No. 10 Green, Q.E. 53.
4c No. 10, Purple, Q.E. 53.
5c No. 10, Blue, Q.E. 53.
3c No. 10, revalued 5c.
5c No. 8, Blue, Q.E. 53 (With return address in UL corner)
5c No. 10, Blue, Q.E. (With return address in UL corner).
Miscellaneous—
2c Post Bands, Q.E. 53.
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The word "SPECIALIZED" in the above title is not a misnomer by any means, for that is exactly what it is a "Specialized Catalogue". It fills a long felt want of an up-to-date catalogue of the stamps of our own country. There are many new features, it is a mine of information. A book that should be in the hands of every collector of B.N.A. The index comprises four pages, listing sixty-five subjects, covering everything from Pre - stamp Handstruck Markings to the Prime Ministers Issue of November 1st, 1954. The lone exception being precancels.

The section on Essays and Proofs has been revamped by a group of the Essays Proof Society, as the Author states in his forword. It is the last word on this subject. An entirely new feature is the listing of permits and meter markings. The Pioneer Air Stamps and first flight covers section throws a light as to the value of these items. Postal Stationery is well presented and quite up to date. Revenue collectors will find it a gold mine for every type of stamp that our Governments have devised to collect taxes has been listed, both Dominion and Provincial including Telegraph and Telephone Franks.

The Postage Stamp section is very good covering the major varieties, which are shown in the text with enlarged illustrations. Being a catalogue the prices shown are important to the dealer and collector alike. A brief check with another well-known catalogue seem to give the impression of fair comparative prices, with a great deal more scope for those items generally considered plus, but are usually not priced in the catalogues. The listing and pricing of first day covers is a very good feature. Imprints are also listed but not in given position. The Silver Jubilee and the Royal Visit of 1939, positions are given in these two issues.

Canadian Collectors would be well advised to secure a copy of this catalogue of 330 pages at the first opportunity. It will prove a good investment and can be used with every assurance as to its reliability.

—Herbert Buckland.

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by Dr. L. Seale Holmes and Associates

A Few Words From the Author's Forward

"For over three years inquiries have continued to come in asking for a new Edition. The editors feel that regular editions are essential to keep up with changing prices which go along with changing times. All prices in the catalogue are net values of today.

"This 8th Edition has been under preparation ever since its predecessor came off the press. No catalogue is every really complete. We have a much enlarged editorial staff of wonderful co-workers, many of whom are Fellows of the Royal Philatelic Society or members of the leading Philatelic Societies of North America. There have been many unnamed parties who have from time to time contributed items for our attention. To them, though not listed, I give my sincere thanks for their interest and helpful suggestions.

"You will find many changes in the 8th Edition and you will also notice some new sections have been added. First you will notice the section on Early Covers and Cancellations. To many this will be most welcome. True, it is brief, but on close study, you should find it very interesting and helpful.

"The section on Essays and Proofs of Canada has been completely revamped by a group of the Essay-Proof Society. This is now the last word up to the moment. The Postage issues required a thorough overhauling. Five years since the last Edition has produced many changes in value. In that time, a small army of new collectors of Canadian items has come into being. Dealers everywhere are without adequate supplies of Canadian stamps. We predict steadily increasing prices on these issues, as the supply is so limited. A very broad study was made of prices from dealers lists, auctions sales, and collectors' wants. We have tried to present what we call realistic prices, based on common sense supply. Several postage issues have been raised as a result while several revenue issues were lowered, and the reverse is also true. The Stationery section was given serious study by a specialist group of these issues, last year. Their findings are here presented, with several additions to bring it all up to date, when sent to press.

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