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The Editor Speaks Out....

Our readers will note, on another page, an article on the findings of the Expert Committee of the British Philatelic Association (with which we are affiliated) during a recent session. To many of our members, who are perhaps not in everyday touch with expert philatelic circles, the work of such an expert committee is something of a mystery, and it occurred to us that this article would be of great interest to all. It is obvious from it that there are a great number of fakes and forgeries floating around, and it is equally obvious that anyone who pays out a fairly substantial sum for a scarce or rare stamp would be well advised to have it expertized before paying out. We can not help remembering the words of that great professional philatelist, Robson Lowe, after his visit to Canada some years ago, when he stated that a large proportion (we do not remember the exact figure but it seems to us that it was in the neighbourhood of 40%) of the scarcer and rarer stamps he had seen in important collections in Canada, were fakes or forgeries. Heavens only knows what this proportion might be in the case of more modest collections, such as ours, of the great majority of our members!

Fred Green, our Secretary, informs us that we have obtained 55 new members from the 1st April to the 31st May. This is good going, but it could be even better. He also informs me, and this is borne out by Alan McKanna, our Treasurer, that the dues have been coming in at a much quicker rate than they have done in the past. This is all to the good and is a definite sign that our members generally are taking a keener interest in the affairs of their Society.

However, we do want to keep improving the services the Society offers to its members. But don't forget that all services cost money. One of the best services we have to offer to the majority of our members is THE CANADIAN PHILATELIST. We want to see you, and You, and YOU, to be anxiously awaiting the arrival of the mailman every two months for your copy of C.P. But read the Editor's report in the proceedings of the Annual Meeting which appear on another page, and ponder over the figures therein. Your Editor's services are given freely and willingly. We admit quite frankly that we get a tremendous kick out of the finished copy when the printer delivers it to us. BUT PRINTING OF ALL KINDS COSTS MONEY! The raising of the dues to $4.00 will help to a considerable degree, but MORE MEMBERS will help still more. We should have 1500 members - we can get them - if you will do your share. If everyone were to get ONE new member during the coming year, we would be in the exceedingly happy position of being able to place in your hands, every two months, the finest philatelic magazine in Canada, nay, the world.

Oh! Don't forget your Editor requires original articles from all you writers, actual and potential. Don't be shy!

Since the inception of the Chapter idea, six or seven years ago, the Society has presented its Plaque to every Chapter, old and new. No doubt, our readers noticed, in our last issue, the presentation of the plaque in question to Reg. Nairne, of the Vancouver Island P.S. and to Arthur Teare of the Greater Victoria P.S. Incidentally, the printer inverted the photos and Arthur is on the left and Reg on the right. However, there have been several instances on our travels through the Dominion, when we have asked who holds the plaque and have been met with a blank stare or the question "What plaque?". Let us reiterate: Every chapter, from No. 1 to No. 62, has had the C.P.S. plaque presented or mailed to the Secretary. If you, member of a chapter of the Society, have never heard of the existence of such a plaque, it is time some questions were asked about its present whereabouts.

As we go to press, we had a sorrowful letter from Mrs. Freeman, wife of our President in 1952-3, Bill Freeman, informing us that Bill is in the hospital in Niagara-on-the-Lake, and not expected to recover. Our deepest sympathy to Mrs. Freeman in her cruel trial.

The Niagara Frontier Show

25 - 26 July - Welland

Our Chapter No. 62, the ATLAS STAMP CLUB, informs us that the Niagara Frontier Federation of Stamp Clubs will hold their Ninth Annual Exhibition, Bourse, Auction and Banquet in Welland on the 25th and 26th July, during Welland's Centennial Week, and under the auspices of the four Canadian Clubs in the Federation.

The Exhibition and Bourse will be held in the Welland High and Vocational School, where there will also be held a splendid display in the Court of Honour.

A bourse will be open during the Exhibition and dealers from both sides of the border will cater to your requirements.

An Auction will be held on the evening of Friday 25th July, in the Hotel Barclay. 500 lots will be offered and Canada will be specially interesting, and United Nations, U.S.A., Newfoundland and the Provinces will be well represented. Lots will be on view at the Exhibition and catalogues will be available on the 1st July. Auctioneer, Norm Hendershott, of London, Ontario. If you are unable to attend, write to him at 645 Tennent Rd., London, Ont. for a catalogue and place your bid with him by mail.

The Annual Banquet will take place on the Saturday evening, 26th July, in the Hotel Barclay. Prizes and awards will be presented during the evening.

The Welland Centennial Committee has arranged an elaborate programme for Centennial Week, baseball, lacrosse, swimming events, Band Tattoo, Street dances, fireworks, Variety Show for 2 nights, and a Grand Parade on Saturday afternoon.

Cachet covers will be serviced and mailed at 15c each or 2 for 25c.

Cachet envelopes will be sold at the Exhibition at 5c each.

Exhibition labels will be available at the Exhibition at 3 for 10c.

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For Covers, etc. apply to Gordon Wignell, Box 220, Welland, Ontario.

For any other information, write to H. R. Waldon, Box 220, Welland, Ontario.

The Union Philatélique de Montréal Holds the S.P.A. Show in Montreal

18th - 21st September

The UNION PHILATELIQUE DE MONTREAL will be the Host Club to the 64th Annual Concention of the SOCIETY OF PHILATELIC AMERICANS, to be held at the Windsor Hotel from the 18th to the 21st September, in connection with the EXUP VII 1958 Philatelic Exhibition and Silver Jubilee of the Union Philatélique de Montréal.

Committees under the general chairmanship of Dr. Maurice St-Martin have been formed and plans are now well advanced in preparation for the Convention and Exhibition. Pierre Desmarais is Secretary of the Committee and the bourse and exhibits are in the hands of Yvon Hurtubise.

It will be the first time that the S.P.A. will be holding its Annual Convention in Canada and it is anticipated that this philatelic event will be one of the largest ever to be held in Montreal.

Information may be obtained from the Convention & Exhibition Committe, Union Philatélique de Montréal, Box 1061, Place d'Armes, Montréal, P.Q.

Canada 1868 - The 'LARGE QUEENS'

By R.C. Martin

It can be dangerous to embark on a discussion about colours if it is impossible to show samples as one goes along, and indeed in the case of the 15c. "Large Queen" it is treading on thin ice to talk about shades, even with a specialized collection in full view. However, we shall, as briefly as possible, try to indicate some of the range of shades that can be shown for each value.

Some shades appear to be associated with certain printings or paper varieties rather consistently, while others seem to exist on several or all papers, and for a general rule, it is logical to make shades of secondary importance to the main divisions into which we have separated these stamps.

HALF CENT - Normally, this is dull black, but a distinctive bluish black appears in later printings. Probably black stamps are more affected than any others by slight variations in intensity of ink, and we find stamps which are almost gray. Shades of this nature which are due to accidental under-inking (or in deeper than normal shades due to over-inking) are of mild interest, but unless extreme, they rank second in importance to variations caused by different contents in the ink. Sometimes, it is difficult to establish the cause, and a sensible rule to follow is to include any easily distinguishable shade; shades can be overdone however, beyond the point where they add any real interest to a collection.

1c. BROWN - A dark rust-brown shade is usually associated with the first and watermarked papers, followed by gradually lighter shades of reddish-brown, until almost an orange-brown is reached late in 1868. The printing on laid paper is also in a lighter than usual shade, being nearly orange-brown.

1c. YELLOW - This started out in Jan. 1869 in very deep orange, gradually became lighter through orange-yellow to a fairly light yellow just prior to the introduction of the small 1c in 1870. There is a minor mystery here - following the evolution of the large stamp to bright yellow, the first printing of the small 1c reverted to deep orange, and then went through the same sequence back to bright yellow during 1870 and 1871. This might cause one to wonder whether the deep orange "Large Queen" could be the adjacent printing to the first "Small Queen", but dated copies indicate that the deep colour was the earliest. One of the last issues of the large 1c contained the shade called "lemon yellow", which is quite distinct, and has been seen dated in February, 1870.

TWO CENTS - These green stamps run the gamut from dark green, usually associated with early printings on the first and watermarked papers, to the bright emerald of later printings, including bluish green and dull, almost olive green. The 2c. is still relatively plentiful, and a nice display of shades can be shown without too much difficulty or expense. In the writer's opinion, one of the most beautiful engraved stamps in existence is this 2c. "Large Queen" in rich green on "blotting paper"; the sharp impression on chalky white background is a fine production.

THREE CENTS - There is a dark reddish brown shade found in early printings, but the usual colour is a fairly constant brick red. Rosy shades somewhat ressembling those of mid-1870 small 3's are found among late printings on "normal" paper. As in the case of the 1c. brown, the stamps on laid paper are lighter than normal, being nearly an orange shade, and very similar orange-red shades are found on other papers as well.

FIVE CENTS - In view of the small numbers printed and the short period of use, not much variation in colour should be expected in these stamps. Such is the case, although slightly different shades which might be called dark olive green and darker olive green can be found, but they are unimportant, which is just as well, since the 5c. is an expensive stamp and harder than some of the others in the set to get well centred.

SIX CENTS - It is probably fortunate for us collectors that this stamp did not last as long as the 15c., because in the four years it was current, it established quite a record of inconsistency. Early plate I printings on the first and watermarked papers are deep rich brown, then we find dull browns, grayish brown and sepia, followed by light brown, reddish brown and almost orange-brown.

Plate 2 printings, as mentioned earlier, do not appear on the first or watermarked papers, but beginning with dull brown shades on "normal paper", they run a course parallel to the plate I stamps through the remaining browns. This should be sufficient proof that the first plate was not retired due to faults and replaced by the second, but rather, either or both plates were used as required throughout the currency of the 6c. stamps.

12½ CENTS - The blue used for these stamps was very constant, and no pronounced shade exists; slightly lighter and darker than normal shades can be found, but they are insignificant. As with most other values, the stamps on first and watermarked papers are frequently slightly darker than later printings.

FIFTEEN CENTS - A book could be written about the colours of these stamps alone, but briefly, the early printings, 1868 to 1873 approximately, were deep to pale red lilac, gradually becoming grayish lilac to pure gray through the 1880's, and gray, slate and bluish slate in the 1890's. This late period is confused by the presence of a fairly common printing in red-lilac which is often offered as an early shade. Fortunately, the "normal" vertical mesh pattern of the paper will identify this as a late printing, included in Group 4 of our paper classification.

This sort of thing indicates that it is not wise to evaluate these stamps by shade alone, and an even better example is provided by the gray stamps. The commonest 15c. is the late printing in gray on "Normal" paper with the vertical mesh pattern, but the rarest 15c. (on script watermarked paper) is also a plain gray shade. Reference to the catalogue will show a startling difference in value between the two stamps.

Another peculiar item is the turquoise shade, about which some investigation was going on at the time of CAPEX, and the writer is of the opinion that more definite evidence is required before this variety can be considered anything but a colour changeling. The copy in the writer's collection however, was obtained from an accumulation of 15c. shades under circumstances which gave no indication that the stamp had been tampered with, but it is still viewed with suspicion. Except for the colour, it is a typical late printing on "normal" vertical mesh paper unfortunately without a date showing in the cancellation.

PERFORATIONS

The normal perforation throughout the "Large Queens" issue, gauges 12, by single line machines, and varieties are few and far between. Blind perfs. are occasionally encountered, and a 12½c. with double vertical perfs. was illustrated in an auction sale catalogue in 1957.

The only stamp in the series which does not exist perf. 12 is the 5c., which is always 11½ x 12, having been perforated on two different single line machines. The ½c. and the 15c. are also found with this compound perforation in the printings of 1874 to 1878, at the same period as the "Small Queens" appeared in this gauge. The ½c is relatively common, but the 15c. perf. 11½ x 12 is a variety well worth watching for. It is scarce, but may occasionally be picked up as a normal stamp, in both grayish-lilac and gray.

Imperforates exist of the 5c. and 15c., and the 1c. yellow has also been reported

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Report on Vicpex

On the Friday afternoon, we had the pleasure of officially opening VICPEX and had an agreable surprise. As we were turning away, after cutting the ribbon, Arthur Teare held us back and presented us with a silver and enamel reproduction of the dogwood flower, the official emblem of the province of B.C. This was quite unexpected, and we were unable to do more than stutter a few words of thanks. Your ex-president is usually more voluble than that!

The Exhibition was a very good one indeed. Perhaps the general level was not quite as good as Bypex last year, but the top exhibits were every bit as good. We had heard about Bury Binks' Small Queens, but they were even better than expected. Dr. Matejka, of Chicago, Who ran off with the Grand Award in Ottawa with such a wonderful showing of Newfoundland Airmails, nearly carried off the honours once again with a really remarkable exhibit of the Postal History of Alaska. He had covers there which certainly made our eyes pop. Eardley-Wilmot, of the Vancouver Is.P.S. showed some lovely early British material, Penny Blacks and Twopenny Blues galore, in all stages. We liked Allen Christensen's showing of early Norway, an exhibit we thought was tops and thoroughly deserved the Gold Medal it acquired. It was good to see such an interesting specialized study of common stamps in Allan McKanna's exhibit of the Sowers of France, and although pipped on the post, so to speak, by Bertie Ward's showing of early French, Alan was by no means disgraced.

Our old faithful, Tom Elnen, of Wichita, Kansas, well deserved a Gold for his very fine showing of 1869 U.S.A.'s J. Watson Yuille, of Montreal, put up some wonderful frames of Nevis and well deserved the Gold he received. There were quite a few other Golds awarded and we must say we particularly liked W.G. Sparrow's Beavers, and E. A. Smythies' most interesting display of Early Canadian Duplex. A very interesting exhibit was C. P. Bainbridge's ten frames of Forgeries and Fakes, which showed a tremendous erudition.

Among the Silver Medal Winners, we were specially drawn to Miss Jessie Gordon's (of Victoria) Chalon Heads, and Jack Millen's (Trail) Royal Tours. However, there were several unusual and fascinating exhibits, such as F/L. Malott's (Aylmer, Ont.) Daily Papers and Covers, Harry Sutherland's (Toronto) German Naval Post Covers, and A.W. Perry's (Victoria) Ship Cancels.

There were several outstanding Topicals, among which we noted Mme de Trémaudan's (Victoria) Gallery of Paintings, and Mr. and Mrs. V. L. Dunphy's (Victoria) Flags, which were deservedly awarded a Bronze and a Gold respectively.

The Inter-Club Award, in the shape of the Ford Trophy, went to our Windsor friends, but it must have been a tight decision for the judges to make between them and our Irish friends. We are pleased to note that the Dublin Stamp Society Exhibit was awarded a Gold Medal.

Among the Juniors, there were several interesting displays, and we could see several budding philatelists among these exhibits.

Gerry Wellburn's Exhibit in the Court of Honour was everything that we could have expected from him and even better. No wonder he won the Grand Award at Capex. The Queen's selection was good and even Gerry Wellburn would have liked to have had at least one of the blocks of four of Vancouver Island & British Columbia that were shown.

It was with great pleasure indeed that we saw numerous exhibits from the East, and we wish to assure all our friends from our neck of the woods that even if they did not win awards, their presence was duly noted and commented upon. We noted, with particular pleasure a lovely exhibit from Collins Baugild, of Halifax and from C. C. McGee, of Clinton, Ont. who used to be the Secretary of the Saint John Stamp Club.

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Of recent months, the B.P.A. Expert Committee has had a number of problems presented to it. There was, for example, a pair of the 1849 40c. red-orange of France, used on piece, with the right hand stamp showing the "wide 4" variety. While this was a genuine pair of stamps, they had been rebacked and the figure 4 variety was the result of skilful faking.

From Gibraltar came the 1889 5c. green and 10c. carmine, the latter bisected, used together on piece and cancelled "A.26", This was entirely faked.

The 1919 POCZTA POLSKA overprints on Austria, for use in the then newly formed State of Poland, have been extensively forged as is well known, but the Committee has recently had three values, used, and a fourth unused, all with the guarantee of a well-known expert on the back, Unfortunately the guarantee marks as well were the work of the forger.

Some very crude forgeries of the Eire 1922 issue overprints (S.G. 68) in used condition, would only have taken in the veriest novice, but three values of the 1919 set of Czecho-Slovakia overprints, on the Hungary "Turuls" of 1913, were much more carefully manufactured, and were dangerous.

Bushire has always been popular with the forger, and quite a number of examples of his handiwork have been before the Committee in recent months, indeed a meeting seldom passes without one or more specimens being submitted.

The high values, 250 pr., 500 pr. and 1,000 pr. of the first issue of Israel have been skilfully forged as is well-known; just recently there appears to have been a recrudescence of the forgeries used on what purport to be pieces of the original envelope, instead of in sets in conjunction with genuine lower values on cancelled to order "First Day Covers".

Some years ago, the philatelic press reported forgeries of the "V" for Victory Norwegian overprints. Recently, the Committee has had a number of examples, in strips and singles, of these stamps put forward for an opinion, which was adverse in each case.

The Trinidad 1c. provisional of the end of 1957 has been forged, while the 12d. of Canada, that lovely black stamp, which appeared to be a handsome specimen with beautiful margins and a good colour, proved on examination to be a proof copy rebacked with faked laid paper, the word "Specimen" removed and a forged cancellation added.

Those unusual "Official" overprints on New Zealand stamps "O.P.S.O." are quite rare these days. The initials stand for "On Public Service Only", and as such they were the forerunners of the Official stamps of 1900. Two values, the 1d. rose and 2d. violet with the O.P.S.O. overprint have been presented in blocks of four for a certificate. These also were examples of the forger's art.

Egypt has provided forged double and treble "bars" overprints, and the United States of America an example of the 6c. rose War Dept. of 1873, cancelled with a "kicking mule" which the Committee decided was not genuine.

Among the stamps of Great Britain which had received the faker's attention was a 10d. octagonal used. This apparently was a nice copy, but in fact it had been largely repaired and extensively re-gummed. An inverted "Government Parcels" and other "official" stamps were forgeries, while a "Penny Black" with town postmark proved to be repaired and the cancellation at least partly faked.

An uncommon forgery, at least as far as concerns the B.P.A. Expert Committee, was the St. Pierre & Miquelon "25" on 1 fr. olive green (S.G.2) in apparently genuine

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The Cover on the Cover

Sometimes one comes across some extraordinary coincidences and this month's COVER ON THE COVER is one of these. This cover was given to me by Carl Mangold some years ago and was of great interest to me because it was postmarked from Libourne, a town of some 20,000 habitants about 20 miles or so from Bordeaux, on 30 December 1836, addressed to a Mrs. Cooper, Cooper's Hill, Limerick, Ireland, by a Mr. Arthur Dickson, It is written in English and it bears the "Port Payé" mark and also a pen inscription showing 2/- had been paid on arrival at destination. The back shows the usual London and Dublin marks. The contents of the letter are most interesting and somewhat humorous, although, no doubt, they were not very funny to the person writing it at the time. Allow me to quote some passages therefrom:

"I have the pleasure of acknowledging the receipt of your letter of the 7th of this month which is, like yourself all generous and kind. I wish I could impress to you how grateful we all feel for it, as well as for the £25 which you were so good as to send me with it. Be assured your benefits are justly estimated by us & that we return our grateful thanks to Providence that has been pleased to preserve to us so kind and considerate a friend in our deep adversity. I am sorry to have it to say that poor Mrs. Dickson still continues to be confined to her bed; during the last three months she has never yet been able to go out of her bedroom where she has had to endure all that the doctor so ingenious in the art of tormenting could imagine to make her worse rather than better, Bleeding, blistering, Leeches, several times, Poultices, purgings, fumigations, spare diet, &c., the whole Pharmacopia has been exhausted in vain. Nothing seems to have had a beneficial effect on her equal to that produced by your kind letter. Since I had the pleasure of receiving it, she seems sensibly better .....
When the fine weather comes it is our intention to endeavour to find cheaper lodgings in some one of the villages a few leagues further in the country although where we are cannot be considered dear to anyone else, but we find the price exceeds our means. We pay for them about eight shillings a week and for that we have two bedchambers, Drawing Room, with Dining Room, all pretty well furnished, Stable, pantry and other Convenient offices, so disposed that we have access to them without going out of the house. The House is good, the Stair Case handsome & we are entirely separated from any communication or Interference of the Proprietor. We are furnished abundantly with Table and Bed Linen and kitchen Utensils & have whatever vegetables we want without paying for them. The situation is agreable and about half a mile from the Town of Libourne, which is considerable, well built and very clean a country town as is possible to be found....."

A few weeks ago, I put in a bid for some twenty French pre-stamp covers at an auction held by the Kitchener-Waterloo Club, and got them, and much to my surprise, I found another from the same man addressed to the same lady, but sent from Nîmes, on the other side of France, some two years earlier.

Recently, during my trip to Victoria, I was reading the literary page of a Vancouver paper and learnt that a book by the well-known English poet and author, Robert Graves, was being re-published with some revisions. This book, GOOD BYE TO ALL THAT, happens to be a favourite of mine and on my return home, I pulled it off the shelf one evening and was perusing it when I read that the author, Robert Graves, had been sent to Limerick in 1918, with his regiment, Royal Welch Fusiliers, and while there, went to visit his uncle, Robert Cooper, of Cooper's Hill, Limerick!

There is evidently some connection here and we have written to Robert Graves, who is living in Majorca, in the Balearic Is., telling him about these two letters.

Truly, in Stamp Collecting, one comes across some extraordinary coincidences!

(L.M. Lamouroux, North Toronto S.C.)

The Convention

On arrival in Vancouver, we were met by J. Burton Slough, President of the Royal City Stamp Club, and an old acquaintance, Carnerie, whom we had last seen in Brantford, and who now lives in Vancouver. We chatted for a while with these two gentlemen, and then off we went to check in at the Devonshire. We spent a couple of days in Vancouver before crossing over to Victoria, but we must say right now that neither the, nor on our return, nor in Victoria, did we see any of that famous "liquid sunshine" of which we had heard so much "down east"! The weather was just "made to order" and we could not have asked for anything better. We made a tour of the city by bus and saw some of the loveliest gardens that could be seen anywhere. The colouring was just unbelievable, and the sight of such plants as holly, laurel, ivy, etc., all growing out in the open, provoked quite a nostalgic feeling in the wife and me and we almost felt as if we were "back 'ome" after thirty years! We duly paid a visit to Vancouver's wonderful new library and Gerry Wellburn's really fine exhibit there, and made the acquaintance of J. H. Cairns, newly elected secretary of the British Columbia Philatelic Society, who was on guard there. Up betimes on Thursday to hie ourselves to the new Post Office - they have as many new buildings in Vancouver as we have in Toronto - and purchase a couple of sheets of the new B. C. stamp. Right on the dot, Stuart Johnstone and Mrs. Johnstone (Dot to us) came along to pick us up in their two cars, the us including Cyril and Mrs. Woodhead who had arrived the previous day by plane, and away we went by the 2½ hour ferry to Nanaimo, whence we had a lovely drive along the Malahat road to Victoria, surely one of the finest scenic drives in Canada.

This very pleasant drive ended all too soon and we were checking in at the Empress, a place that is very reminiscent of of the Chateau Laurier in Ottawa, only more so, if you know what we mean. As we entered the lobby, we were greeted by Dr. Geldert, Bertie Ward and Dr. Fry, of Ottawa, except Dr. Fry who is now in San Francisco, and from then on, we seemed to be doing nothing but meeting old friends. We were delighted once again to meet Arthur Teare, Chick Wildig, Mrs. Dyment, Mrs. Wildig, Walter Mason, Robin Clarke, V. Eardley-Wilmot, J. H. B. Watson, Reg Nairne and others all of Victoria and vicinity, Bury Binks and Hugh Dilworth, of Vancouver, A. W. McIntyre, and Ed Powell, of Edmonton, Fred Snell, of Calgary, Bill Sparrow and Mrs. Sparrow, of Toronto, Reg Haldimand, of Montreal. The next day, first day of the Exhibition, the crowds turned up thick and fast. Bert Fuller, Dick Babb and Bob Phinn, all from the Kitchener area, Norm Boyd, Leo Goldman. accompanied, it goes without saying, by those good friends of ours, Mrs. Boyd and Goldman came along looking remarkably fresh after a near 600 miles a day drive. Vic Crouse also turned up after a a good plane journey via US. We bumped into Len Hall, of Courtenay, and naturally he had quite a few other Comox Valley people with him, Bill Slater, Peter Bell, etc. In the evening, we met Frank Torregiani and Mrs. Torregiani, which brought back vivid memories of a charming visit to Kamloops, accompanied by Dr and Mrs. Banno, and it was indeed a pleasure to see them once again.

Unfortunately, we were grieved to learn that Mrs. Johnstone had to take to her bed with 'flu immediately on arrival.

The Exhibition was open on the Sunday, but already some were taking their departure. We are happy to say that Mrs. Johnstone had sufficiently recovered to drive her car on board the Vancouver steamer.

We ourselves took off on the Monday by the direct boat to Vancouver, where we stayed until Wednesday, meeting our new President at the Georgia Hotel and having a long chat with him, and also seeing once again two old Toronto friends.

Unfortunately, our projected visit to Trail had to be called off because of the strike of firemen on the CPR. Our mortification

cen well be imagined when we came down to the lobby of our hotel on the Wednesday and read "Strike Settled" in the morning paper! However, it was impossible to redo what had been undone, so it was in a somewhat glum mood that we climbed aboard THE CANADIAN on Wednesday evening. The journey back passed all too rapidly. Once again we made the stupendous journey through the mountains and marvelled at how the track could have been surveyed a hundred years ago in what must have been almost impenetrable country and how they could have built the road by sheer man power. A fascinating journey through the sleek prairie land, then Winnipeg, the familiar rock, scrub and lake country of Northern Ontario and then the well-known country nearing Toronto and home once again.

As we mused over our journey through the holiday week end, we voted VICPEX one of our most successful Conventions. Contrary to Kipling's saying, East and West did meet, and everyone was the better for it, and enjoyed himself to the utmost, We thought back and saw Arthur Teare and Chick Wildig and others working like Trojans to get things ready! Thank you, Arthur! Thank you, Chick! Our thanks go out whole-heartedly to those two fine clubs, the Greater Victoria and Vancouver Island Philatelic Societies for a well-done job. I am sure that on the Sunday night, as you all started relaxing, you said "Never again", but I am also sure that in the not too distant future, you will once again ask to hold the C. P. S. Annual Convention and Exhibition in that most delightful of all cities that nestles so snugly at the southern tip of Vancouver Island. We say, with confidence ... WE SHALL RETURN!

The Breakfast of the Tie

Strictly speaking, the Order of the Tie is not a C.P.S. affair, but as almost all the Brethren of the Tie are members, we feel that we must give a few lines to the Breakfast of the Tie, which duly took place at the Empress on the Sunday morning of the Convention.

Seven sat down to the Breakfast, including the neophyte admitted into Order the evening before, Eric Rushton, in the course of the little session which took place in the Boyds' suite.

Besides Eric, the following sat down to breakfast: Norm Boyd, Vic Crouse, Cyril Woodhead, Herbie Buckland, Stan Shanz, and your Editor. truly a distinguished gathering. Conversation was lively and ranged from the advisability of driving 600 miles a day to come and see a few "bits of paper" situated some three thousand miles away, to the plate block controversy and the design of the new B.C. Centennial stamp and a few other matters.

Incidentally, it has always been a mystery to us how the bill for the Breakfast of the Tie gets paid. We stuff ourselves with crumpets and waffles and sausages and flapjacks and toast and coffee and in some mysterious manner no bill is presented to us and not even the waiter stands there ready for a hand-out!

We must get Sherlock Holmes to elucidate this problem!

LARGE QUEENS . . *(Continued from Page 4)*

in imperforate condition. Only the 15c. could be called relatively easy to obtain, and the known copies are in a deep brownish violet shade that is unlike any perforated stamp; it is believed that they were "issued" at the same time as the favour prints of the "Small Queens" appeared in imperforate condition.

Last Call for Dues

This issue is the last one being sent to members who have not yet paid their 1958 dues.

Surely you want to receive your copy of the Sept.-Oct. issue, which will contain the Year Book, so don't forget to send your dues without delay to

F. Green
95 Cottingham St., Toronto 7, Ont.

Recent New Issues of Topical Interest





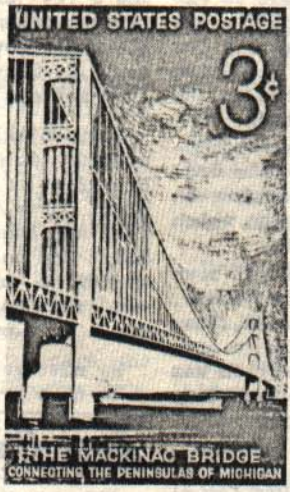




















The Realm of Stamps

by Montor

The new President of the Canadian Philatelic Society, Dr. G.M. Geldert, of Ottawa, brings to the Society a wealth of administrative experience and his guidance should prove invaluable in directing the affairs of Canada's National Philatelic Society.

Great progress has been attained during the past five years under the presidency of L. M. Lamouroux. Most of the better known clubs are now affiliated as chapters of the Society and the standard of exhibitions staged at the annual conventions has been notably raised. The C.P.S. has become much better known throughout the philatelic world. This steady progress will undoubtedly be maintained and the Society can look forward to playing its important role of developing organized philately throughout this country from coast to coast.

Dr. Geldert has been for the past two years President of the Ottawa Philatelic Society and played a prominent part in the organization of BYPEX, which long will be remembered as the most successful Convention and Exhibition ever staged for the Society.

Dr. Geldert started his career with the Canadian Bank of Commerce for four years before taking up medicine. He was for three years an Alderman and served on the Board of Control of the City of Ottawa for 18 years. He is a Past President of the Central Canada Exhibition and a Past President of the Ottawa Valley Society of McGill University. He has now retired after being for many years on the staff of the Ottawa Civic Hospital and was Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Hospital.

For three years before his retirement, Dr. Geldert was one of the pioneers of Radio Broadcasting in Canada and in 1924 founded Station CKCO in Ottawa, which he owned and operated for 23 years.

As a philatelist, Dr. Geldert may well be called a perfectionist. He collected stamps as a boy and it was his interest in model railroading that again interested him in stamps, when he started to collect trains on stamps. From this, his interest in stamps grew and he is now an ardent philatelist specializing in the Pence issues of Canada and the stamps and postal history of Malta. His showing of Canada won a Gold Award and the Seagram Trophy at BYPEX. His other chief hobby is rock gardens.

Since the publication of the last issue of THE CANADIAN PHILATELIST, new issues have continued off the world's philatelic presses. Many attractive stamps have been issued and unfortunately many which philately could well do without. The Brussels Universal and International Exhibition has received a great measure of publicity from a number of countries, many being commemorative stamps showing their pavillons at the Exhibition. However, there were a number of stamps issued which could not, by any stretch of the imagination, be classed as regular postage stamps, but were simply issued to obtain funds from stamp collectors.

Unfortunately to-day a great many issues are made simply and solely to appeal to philatelists, with little or no valid use for commercial purposes. With the present trend on this continent stressing the so-called "investment angle", exemplified by advertisements offering sheets of new issues of certain countries, it is little wonder that many mature philatelists prefer to confine their collecting interests to 19th century material. Unhappily, there are many beginners who are led into believing that stamps offer a sure way of making money, only to be completely disillusioned when they come to cash in on their hoped-for "profits". After all, the stamp is the thing and there will of course always be a right and proper interest taken

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The Annual Meeting

The Annual Meeting took place on the 10th May in Victoria. Were present: Miss Jessie Gordon, Mrs. A. Busst, W. A. Teare, G. Little, S. Henson, J. C. Moore, V. L. Dunphy, A. R. C. Wildig, C. L. Richards, T. Peddie, R. Clarke, Dr. J.H. Crocker, of Victoria; S. Johnstone, B. Binks, R. W. Wrigley, H.M. Dilworth, of Vancouver; H.E. Moller, W. Slater, L. Hall, P. Bell, of Courtenay, B.C.; S. Spooner, of Trail; J.J. McLoughlin, of Whitehorse; H. Buckland, of Port Perry; Dr. N.O. Boyd, W.V. Crouse, L. Goldman, of Windsor; A. G. Robinson, F. Snell, of Calgary; E. Powell, A.W. McIntyre, E.J. Christensen, of Edmonton; L. R. Haldimand, of Montreal; A. E. Fuller, R. J. Babb, R. Phinn, of Kitchener; Dr. G. M. Geldert, W. Fry, A.H. Ward, of Ottawa; Dr. J. J. Matejka, of Chicago; C. Woodhead, W. G. Sparrow, L M. Lamouroux, of Toronto; Dr. E.C. Banno, of Kamloops; S. Shantz, Mrs. F. Reavely, of London; E. Rushton, Simcoe.

At the start of the meeting, the President, L. Lamouroux, read messages of congratulations from D. A. Patrick, the Kitchener-Waterloo P.S., the Union Philatélique de Montréal and Mrs. F.G. Wilkinson, from Port Hope.

The various officers' reports were duly adopted and appear further on.

Several members suggested that more chapters should advertise in C.P. and thus help the Society to keep its official organ in a good, healthy condition.

Dr. Boyd thought that a move could be made to sell individual copies to the public.

It was announced that a bid for the 1960 Convention had been made by the Kitchener-Waterloo Philatelic Society. This was agreed to.

The motion to raise the dues to $4.00 a year was carried, the dues presently paid carrying membership to the 31 December 1958.

Was also carried the motion to change the financial year to 1 Jan.-31 Dec. of each year, the Year Book to appear with the Sept.-Oct. issue of CP.

The album awarded at the Annual Meeting to the member who has come the furthest distance was awarded to L. R. Haldimand, of Montreal. However, Mr. Haldimand asked that this album be given to Mr. J.J. McLoughlin, of Whitehorse, in the Yukon Territory, not the furthest away, but certainly one of the hardest journeys of anyone present. However, Mr. Haldimand was presented with a medal in honour of his having come the furthest distance of all those present at the Meeting.

A very hearty vote of thanks was moved in favour of the VICPEX Committee and the two host clubs, Greater Victoria P. S. and Vancouver Island P.S. for the great work they had done.

President's Report

The past year has been a very good one on the whole. The membership has been increasing, and we ended the year with the highest membership on record. During the year, some changes have taken place. Perhaps the most notable one is in the editorship of THE CANADIAN PHILATELIST. As you all know, the quality of CP has been steadily deteriorating and costs have been increasing just as steadily. Last July, your Board agreed that we could not continue under these conditions and your President agreed to take on the editorship. As you will note from the Treasurer's report, the difference in cost has been quite appreciable. Other angles of the problem will be brought out in the Editor's report.

Two motions are to come before the Meeting. The first deals with the Annual dues. In view of the continually increasing cost of everything, your Treasurer pointed out to the Board that we are operating far too close to the border line, and he recommended most strongly raising the dues to four dollars a year. As you may well imagine,

this led to considerable discussion,but the consensus was that it was unavoidable. The second motion is linked with the increase in dues, and changes the financial year from 1 April-31 March to 1 January-31 December.This will greatly facilitate the preparation of the various officers' reports and enable the accounts of both the Treasurer and the Sales Manager to be properly audited before the Annual Meeting, as they should be.

Our director Harry Sutherland is working on the drafting of a new Constitution.It seems a strange state of affairs but true,that no one was absolutely sure of any constitutional point, and that when we required a copy of the Constitution,we had a hard task running one to ground. We hope to be able to work on this during the coming year and submit the results of our efforts to the next Annual Meeting. After adoption,it will be printed and a copy will be mailed to each existing member and thereafter to each new member.

You will be hearing the reports of the Secretary,the Co-Ordinator of Chapters, the Sales Manager and the Librarian,so I shall not enlarge upon these departments, except to say that they are all in a very satisfactory condition.

This is my last report as President. For five years, I have enjoyed your support and loyalty, and this in more than a good measure. It has been most enjoyable. If,as some of you have suggested,my efforts have produced some results, I have been more than amply compensated. I have met in person and corresponded with many of our members and Chapters from Coast to Coast, and I venture to hope that all these good collectors will continue to honour me with their friendship in the course of the years to come.

May I, in conclusion, thank all my fellow directors and officers for their extremely valuable help at all times. Besides my colleagues at Headquarters, I have to thank all our Regional Directors everywhere for their good counsel at all times,as also the gentlemen who make up our Advisory Committees in Montreal, Toronto, the Grand River Valley and South-Western Ontario. It is invidious to mention them all by name, but I would like particularly to mention Allen Christensen in Montreal and Norman Boyd in Windsor, who have both been a tower of strength.I hope that all will give my successor the same valuable help and loyalty that have been given to me.

Secretary's Report

I assure you it is with deep regret that I am unable to present this report in person. The Board of Doctors of the Canada Life Assurance Coy. have ruled that the trip to Victoria and back would not be in the best interests of my health, so,through my good friend Eric Rushton,I wish you all succeess in these deliberations,and also to our host clubs May this prove to be the best Convention yet.

I am pleased to report that at the 31 March, the membership roll of the Society stood at 1,060. This is a real advance on previous years, despite the usual 10% loss suffered annually. We are definitely on a forward trend in memberships, and very much of this is due to the greatly improved CANADIAN PHILATELIST, edited by our President, Mr. Lamouroux.

All business pertaining to the Society has been attended to, and my office at the moment is extremely busy. During last August, I suffered another thrombosis, with a month at St. Michael's Hospital, and I do wish to acknowledge the splendid help received from Messrs. Lamouroux, Woodhead and Rushton during this period. Lastly, may I present the roll of nominations received for Directors for the year to come: Dr. G. M. Geldert, Ottawa; Dr. N. O. Boyd, Windsor; Wm. Erbach,Kitchener; E. Rushton, Simcoe; H. Sutherland, Toronto; F. C. Green, Toronto; D. Duffy, Toronto; A. G. McKanna, Toronto; W. A. Teare, Victoria; D.A.Patrick,Port Credit; A. D. McMurtrie, Sarnia; L. R. Haldimand, Montreal. All these nominations were received,seconded and accepted.In closing, I am with you all in spirit.

Editor's Report

At the Board Meeting held last July, the question of THE CANADIAN PHILATELIST was gone into very thoroughly, and in view of the continued deterioration in the quality and the steady appreciation in costs,it was decided to make a change and I agreed to try and carry out the Editor's task. A fortunate inspiration

led me to try the offset-litho method of printing. The main advantage of this was that if I was prepared to do a great deal of the setting-up and lay-out, we could get the magazine printed at an appreciably lower cost. You have all seen the results. It was somewhat amateurish at first, but I think it has been improving with each issue and has probably reached its culminating point with the issue now in your hands, which is devoted almost entirely to British Columbia and Vicpex, and which comprises 36 pages. The size has been increased to 6 x 9 and we are able to include a far larger number of reproductions, as we avoid the heavy expense of cuts normally required.

Advertising has been increasing, and while not yet quite what it should be, we are sanguine that we shall reach our objective of 30% advertising matter.

You will note from the Treasurer's Financial Statement that the six issues of the past year, the first two of which were letterpress and of 16 and 12 pages each, cost just over $2,000, including the comparatively heavy cost of distribution. Last year, this figure was well over $3000. Counting in the advertising revenue, the net cost has been brought down to $1,300, compared to $2,700 a year ago. Obviously then, if we have succeeded in ending the year with a credit balance, it is thanks to the reduced cost of CP.

However, we would ask you carefully to consider other angles to the problem. The reduced cost of C.P. is due to the fact that it is printed by a photographic process, which necessarily entails typing out the reading matter, a long job, as each page has to be typed twice, in order to carry out the justification of the lines. Thanks to Dr. Boyd, we have been able to have new advertising copy set up in letterpress by him, and photograph the result. In other words, were it not for this voluntary work, the cost of CP would be much greater. I am quite willing to carry on as editor until the end of next year, but we shall then have to reconsider the entire situation and decide as to the future. It is more than probable that we may have to revert to letterpress, and then our costs will rise sharply. We must therefore provide for letterpress printing in our budget. You will now readily understand one of the most compelling reasons behind the motion for increasing our dues from $3 to $4 a year. In any case, you may rest assured that your editor intends to carry out as good a job as he is capable of, and with your help, many volunteer writers and correspondents, we shall continue for another year.

Librarian's Report

The last Annual Meeting, I thought would be my last as your Librarian, as then I recommended to the Society that they should look for another Librarian, a younger man. I do not know if I have had a renewal of youth or what, but I am still in the position "Carry On". Well, Old Soldiers never die, but they all have the privilege of grousing, so I guess I can carry on for another term, provided you can put up with me sometimes as an absentee. I can assure you it will not be A.W.O.L.

Having got that off my chest, I will do now what I should have done in the first place, but then I am always putting the cart before the horse. I tender my greetings to the assembly gathered here and to the two Host Chapters who have given us such a welcome in this wonderful city of Victoria. I have attended these annual meetings with very few exceptions since 1923, but never in my wildest dreams did I ever expect to attend one in Victoria. I sincerely thank all who have made it possible for us to meet here in such a beautiful city. It is indeed a great privilege and you have my heartiest thanks.

Now to get down to brass tacks. An inventory has been taken of all property belonging to the Society. I am glad to have been able to do this. Living alone, one does not know what will happen. A catalogue of books, handbooks and pamphlets is in the offing. There are 378 on the library shelves. There are also 300 files of clippings, as well as catalogues. Some of these date from 1894.

Altogether, there are 740 items. Space is one of the problems facing the librarian.

Circulation: From 1 April 1957 to 31 March 1958, 262.

Letters written: 112. Parcels shipped: 104. Total mailings: 215.

The total receipts of the Library amounted to $147.78 and the total expenditures to $42.35, leaving a balance in hand of $105.43, on the 31st March 1958.

Assistant Treasurer's Report

As reported in THE CANADIAN PHILATELIST, your Board of Directors asked me to audit the Society's accounts for the year 1956/57, following which amended accounts were prepared and published in CP. Later, your Board of Directors appointed me as Assistant Treasurer with the responsibility of maintaining the Society's accounting records.

The Year 1957/8 has seen a number of improvements in the Society, with others still in the planning stages. These are partly reflected in the Society's finances. The attached accounts show the current financial position in detail, which is a considerably improved position over last year, the most noteworthy feature being that there was a surplus on the year's operating.

Particular attention is drawn to the creation of a Reserve for Convention Travelling. It is hoped that, in keeping with the national nature of our Society, future conventions will be held outside Ontario and Quebec. An annual allocation of funds to a reserve will enable assistance to be given to the Officers of the Society to travel to distant convention centres.

I should refer to two of the motions to be presented to the Annual Meeting. Firstly, in order to avoid confusion in accounting and to permit the publication of the audited accounts in the CANADIAN PHILATELIST prior to the Annual Meeting, it is being proposed that the Society's Financial Year should commence 1 January instead of 1 April, as it does at present. Secondly it is proposed that dues be increased from $3 to $4 a year, although those for the current year will remain at $3, but will be for the nine months from 1 April to 31 December 1958. Despite the fact that there was a surplus last year, it is felt that additional income is essential to maintain the services to members in the future, to provide additional improvements currently being planned, and to ensure a financially sound Society.

In conclusion, I must report that it has been a very great pleasure to work with your Directors and my fellow Officers in the past year.

(Financial Statement on next page)

Report of the Co-Ordinator of Chapters

The last club to join as a chapter of the Society in my last year's report was No. 58, KAWARTHA STAMP CLUB, of PETERborough, Ont. Since then we have admitted Chapter No. 59, T.T.C. STAMP CLUB, of Toronto; Chapter No. 60, THE SUDBURY STAMP CLUB, of Sudbury, Ont.; Chapter No. 61, COMOX VALLEY STAMP CLUB, of Courtenay, B.C.; Chapter No. 62, ATLAS STAMP CLUB, of Welland, Ont.; Chapter No. 63, DAUPHIN STAMP CLUB, of Dauphin Man., and Chapter No. 64, TRURO PHILATELIC SOCIETY, of Truro, N.S.

When I was elected in 1955, we had 35 chapters in the Society whereas we now have 64.

At our last Convention in Ottawa, we had 25 chapters and 51 cities represented.

All the Chapters of the C.P.S. are in a healthy state and my liaison with them is of the very best.

On the Way to Victoria and Back

On the way out to Victoria, we had the pleasure of talking to a few friends along the way. At Fort William, Larry Marrier, of the Lakehead Philatelic Association, was kind enough to come along to the station during our brief 10 minutes stop and have a brief chat with us. We were delighted to learn that all was well with the Lakehead P D. and that they had started to discuss in earnest some plans for the future, which augur well for the Club and for the Society. On the return journey, we called up Bert Foster during our brief stop in F.W. and it was quite a pleasure to hear his voice once again.

In Winnipeg, Russ Burr, of the Winnipeg P.S., came along for a talk and we spent a most interesting quarter of an hour together. On the return, we called up Walter Stern, President of the WPS, but unfortunately, he was not at home. However, we left a word for him.

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FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31st MARCH 1958

I - Income and Expenditure

Income			Expenditure		
Chapter fees	180.00		THE CANADIAN PHILATELIST		
Admission fees	92.50		Printing	1,565.72	
Membership fees			Distribution	476.91	2,042.63
New	426.00		Advertising Rev.	829.12	
Renewals	2,515.75		Less Commission	105.73	723.39
		3,214.25	Net Cost		1,319.24
Bank and Investment Int.		39.93	Secretarial expenses		668.67
Transfer from Life Mem.Fund		9.00	Advertising		76.45
			Bank charges		53.44
TOTAL INCOME		3,263.18	Library upkeep		138.77
			Insurance		56.25
			Printing & Stationery		182.49
			Miscellaneous expenses		237.59
			Allocation to Convention Travelling Erserve		250.00
			Total Expenditure		2,982.90
			Net Surplus of Income over Expenditure		280.28

II - BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31st MARCH 1958

ASSETS			LIABILITIES		
Investments		2,097.12	Accounts payable		35.20
Cash - Current a/c	703.27		Chapter fees in advance	20.00	
Savings a/c	980.71		Members' dues in advance	195.00	
Petty Cash	25.59				215.00
		1,709.57			250.20
Debtors - Advertising		152.50			
Prepaid Expenses -					
Insurance	31.75				
Stationery Stock	161.40				
		193.15	NET ASSETS		3,902.14
		4,152.34			

Represented by: General Fund: $571.69 - Reserve Fund: $2,975.45
Life Members' Fund: $105.00 - Convention Travelling Reserve: $250.00

III - FUNDS

GENERAL FUND		RESERVE FUND	
Balance as at 1 April 1957	255.85	Balance as at 1 April 1957	1,946.51
Add: Donation received	35.56	Add: Income earned by Sales Dept. for the Year	1,028.94
Surplus for the Year	280.28	Balance as at 31 March 1958	2,975.45
Balance as at 31 March 1958	571.69		
LIFE MEMBERS' FUND		**CONVENTION TRAVELLING RESERVE**	
Balance as at 1 April 1957	114.00	Transferred from Income & Expenditure A/c	250.00
Less: Transferred to Income & Expenditure A/c	9.00		
Balance at 31 March 1958	105.00		

Errata in

The Early Duplexes of Canada

by E. A. Smythies, F.R.P.S.L.

Soon after our return from Victoria we received a letter from our distinguished writer, E.A. Smythies, pointing out some glaring errors which had crept into our text. We must apologize for these mistakes, and we are printing below the entire faulty paragraphs duly corrected. Kindly cut out the pars. below and paste them over the faulty ones, as instructed.

Page 20 - Paragraph following The late 1870's par., beginning "The period 1899-1902". This should have read "The period 1880-1893". We reprint the corrected par. as follows:

The period 1880-1893, type IIa, the killer with 13 to 15 thin bars, the dater with a complete outer circle and frequently with the word "CANADA" (see fig. 3).

(Cut out above 4 lines and paste over).

Page 20 - Third line of second column. 1860's should be 1880's. We are reproducing the whole of the first three lines, as follows:

were left blank. With two clearances a day, we find the simple AM and PM of the early duplex. In the 1880's, in the largest

(Cut out above 3 lines and paste over).

Page 23 - Middle paragraph. Several lines were left out, so we are reproducing the entire paragraph:

I will illustrate some examples of these improvised duplex. A very common killer used in the 1880's was the 2-ring target. This has now been confirmed as used in duplex in Toronto (two different hammers), Montreal, Winnipeg, possibly Hamilton and Quebec (see fig. 17). Another type of crooked and movable duplex has been confirmed for Toronto and Quebec and possibly Montreal (see fig. 18). The latest surprising discovery is the use of two well-known cork killers as duplex, the Stellarton star (fig. 19) and the Toronto 8 segment cork (fig. 20), the latter with a very unusual and scarce type of dater. One wonders what will turn up next!

(Cut out above 16 lines and paste over).

ON THE WAY . . . *(Continued from Page 15)*

In Medicine Hat, we had only about ten minutes between trains and tried to get Carl Sillak, but no luck.

Messrs. Lund and Aspeslet, president and secretary of the Lethbridge Philatelic Society, Chapter No. 57, were waiting for us at the station and Harry Boyse took us around one of the nicest cities we have ever been in, and in the evening, the wife and I sat down to a bountiful feast with about 15 members of the Club. We had the pleasure of presenting the CPS Plaque to the president. Later, we adjourned to the home of Tom Caudwell. All in all, we had the whale of a time in good little Lethbridge.

The next day, in Calgary, we met Ted Chiswell and we had quite a long chat with him and Mrs. Chiswell.

In Sudbury, on the return journey, we tried to get hold of Bob Boudignon, of the Sudbury Stamp Club, but unfortunately, he was out at the time of our call.

WEEDS . . . *(Continued from Page 6)*

used condition. It may be remembered that this stamp was the ordinary Peace and Commerce type, imperforate, as issued for general use in the colonies in 1877-8. In 1885 (January) it was surcharged "25/SPM" (in black) for use in the colonies. This had already been "exper - tised" but the Committee felt that the only genuine thing about it was the stamp; accordingly, both surcharge and guarantee were turned down. W.B.H.

(Courtesy of PHILATELY, organ of the B.P.A.)

Sales Manager's Report

The operations of this Department show an increase in Sales from 1951 to 1959 from $5,000 to $30,000, in round figures. During the year, we have sent out a total of 867 circuits to chapters and individual members.

The Sales Manager has recorded 90 miscellaneous sales during the year to local and out-of-town members. We have also attended 12 club exhibitions and conventions at which the Sales Dept. has conducted a bourse. The resulting sales and contacts in getting new members has been successful.

The number of members submitting books during the year was 145. With regard to losses, we have to report the loss of one part book, amounting to $43.27, duly covered by insurance.

Substitutions reported during the year amounted to only $3.00, which we consider very small and a great tribute to our membership.

The increase in books sent in is 25% over the previous year.

The Sales Manager wishes to state that he will endeavour to keep everybody happy and stay with the job, if satisfactory to the Board of Directors.

SALES DEPARTMENT REPORT

Total books on hand at 31 March 1957	1525
Total books received during the year	2531
	4056
Total books retired during the year	1615
Total books in circulation and to be retired .	2441
	4056
Total Sales during the year	$31,034.85
Total Sales during previous year	23,003.72
Increase on year	$ 7,031.72

SALES BANK ACCOUNT

Balance at 1 April 1957	4,938.07	Cheques cashed	24,063.39
Total deposits	26,238.82	Cheques outstanding	560.10
Cheques outstanding	560.10	Balance at bank	7,116.50
Cash on hand	3.00		
	31,739.99		31,739.99

INSURANCE ACCOUNT

Savings a/c, balance as at 1 April	660.51	Bonds purchased	697.12
		Insurance premium	60.00
Interest on savings a/c	3.69	Savings a/c, balance as at 31 March 1958	980.71
Interest on bonds	39.24		
Insurance from books	1,025.94		
Insurance premium refund	12.00		
	1,741.38		1,741.38

ACTUAL VALUE OF INSURANCE ACCOUNT

Balance, Savings a/c	980.71
Bonds in safekeeping	2,100.00
	3,080.71

FLASH! **1959 Convention**
SARNIA *15,16,17th May*

The New Directors and Officers

Although we have already given, in the Secretary's Report, the names of the new Directors elected at the Annual Meeting,we include them below in the full list of Directors and Officers, the latter having been appointed at the Board Meeting which took place immediately after the Annual Meeting and subsequently.

President:	Dr. G. M. Geldert 516 Kenwood Ave. Ottawa 3, Ont.	First Vice-President:	W. A. Teare 2015 Chambers St. Victoria, B.C.
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Treasurer:	A. G. McKanna 41 Saybrook Ave. Toronto 18, Ont.	Third Vice-President:	H. A. Sutherland 155 Forest Hill Rd. Toronto 7, Ont.
Sales Manager:	C. Woodhead 123 Albertus Ave. Toronto 12, Ont.	Librarian:	H. Buckland Box 252 Port Perry, Ont.
Advertising Manager:	Mrs. F. G. Wilkinson 90 Elgin St. North Port Hope, Ont.	Co-Ordinator of Chapters:	E. Rushton 105 Main St. Simcoe, Ont.

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The Banquet

The Banquet was held at the Empress Hotel on the Saturday and was attended by nearly two hundred people.A bountiful feast was set before us, and after we had finished,Gerry Wellburn,who was sitting next to us,got up and made one of the most remarkable sppeches we have ever heard in the philatelic world. It was indeed most fascinating and interesting to hear him tell us how he had obtained some of his pet covers in and around Vancouver Island, and from the sound of it, we just wondered what he did put into tea to make some of the old timers he was in touch with part with some of these priceless and other covers!We hope that if Gerry comes to our home town of Toronto,he will consent to give us a repetition of that delightful series of reminiscences and give us all a treat. (Note to the Philatelic Specialists Society: What about it??)

Then came our turn. Inevitably, our few words had a sad tinge to them, for this was our last function as president. However we hope we did not do too badly, but it was something of a relief to us to hand the gavel over to Doc Geldert, who then closed the proceedings. Thus ended a very successful evening,and,we may say, a most enjoyable one.

Chapter News

CHAPTER No. 51

The Toronto, Hamilton & Buffalo party (T.H.& B.) was revived recently by the Hamilton Philatelic Society, and the party was held at the Wentworth Arms Hotel in Hamilton on the 3rd May. There was a large attendance and the auction of 91 lots brought in quite a large sum of money to the Hamilton P.S. The bourse was very active. One feature of the party was a grand distribution of prizes and favours for all and the day ended with a fine dinner at which the Mayor of Hamilton was present. All those present voted the day a great success and Lloyd Sharpe, President of the Club, and Russ McNeil, General Chairman, are to be congratulated on a well-organized and enjoyable affair. The other clubs participating were the Buffalo Stamp Club and the Toronto Stamp Collectors' Club. Our old friend Walter Bayley conducted the auction in his own inimitable style. Cyril was prominent at the bourse tables and did a roaring trade. We hope this Annual Reunion will continue to be held as it used to be.

CHAPTER No. 45

Once again, for the fifth year, the Sarnia Stamp Club, in conjunction with the Port Huron-Sarnia Stamp Club, held their International SARPHEX, with great success.

There was a nice little exhibition, but, as everyone knows who has attended this enjoyable function, the tid-bit is always the banquet in the evening, when Alex McMurtrie takes hold of things. Anyone who has seen Alex hold his Dutch auctions will never forget it and we have been told that this year it was as good as ever. The Grand Awards went to Rudy Ohler, for the Port Huron section, and to Fred Marigold, for the Sarnia section, Golds were won by Rudy Ohler, W. L. Millman, Fred Marigold and Walbur Sellheim. Glad to learn that our Fred Green was present, as were many other CPS's, Ray Martin, Vic Crouse, Bill Erbach (just out of a hospital Bed) Don Heath and Al Butzen. Congratulations Sarnia, on a very fine show!

CHAPTER No. 58

The Kawartha Stamp Club held their Second Annual Exhibition on 17-19 April in the Peterborough Public Library. There were some 42 frames on show and Gold awards were made to M. E. Grant (Canadian coils) and Mrs. Gwen Wilkinson (modern Greece). The Grand Award went to Mrs. Wilkinson. Silvers were awarded to M.W. George, P. Benton, Frank Hickey and Peter Dominik, and bronzes to Walter Harris, Mrs. H. V. Munro, D. G. Spence and Mrs. E. Benton. Attendance was excellent and the club is to be congratulated on putting up such a fine show after only two years. We were glad to note that our old friend Doc Schwartz still retains his enthusiasm in his retirement and showed some of his fine USA. Delighted to note that Mrs. Wilkinson, our Advertising Manager, was awarded the C. P.S Plaque for the best Exhibit.

CHAPTER No. 17

At the Annual General Meeting of the Westmount Stamp Club, S.R. Groves was re-elected President, and L. R. Waller Hon. Secretary.

The Levine Trophy, awarded annually to the member making the greatest contribution to philately during the year, was presented to L.R. Waller, and the Junior Levine Trophy, awarded to the member of the Westmount Junior S. C. showing the greatest philatelic knowledge, was won by John Richardson, President of the Junior club.

Silver medals presented to the W.S.C. by the Hon. Gaspard Fauteux, former Lieutenant-Governor of the Province of Quebec, were awarded to S. R. Groves and R. J. Sutherland. The presentation of the medals was made by Major R. M. Watson.

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