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Down to Twelve Million

July 1, 1962

Dear Friends:

No not dollars — STAMPS

Some years ago after we bought the Marks Stamp Company I estimated our Canada stock at well over twenty-five million stamps. During the last ten years we have added and sold from the stock with the objective of cutting down on the quantity and building up the quality. Well we have just completed eight weeks' work on the stock, and I'm happy to tell you the total quantity is just over the twelve million mark. Most of the cheap items are now held in nominal quantity and a decided improvement has been made in the numbers and conditions of the medium and better items. At least we know what we have and where to get it, and a wholesale offering will be made in the Fall, which will be a good opportunity for specialists.

During the last month I've purchased a number of interesting collections and lots, that I would like to tell you about. First there was the Frank Stickells collection of the world in seven albums. Frank has been an employee at Empire for some years and just recently retired at the age of 80. He still does some stamp work at home for me, runs a small junior stamp club, and walks five to ten miles a day. His collection is neatly mounted, and mostly fine used.

How many readers remember us when we were at 349 Lippincott Street? Well that's before 1940—22 years ago. At that time we had a good neighbour, a Mr. Isard. He was not a stamp collector then, but during the war he collected mint sheets of Canada up to the dollar values and in quantity. The other day he visited our store and we had a good talk about old times. I bought the sheet stock, but he kept the beautiful mint sheet books. Perhaps he will start over again. I know he was well pleased with the size of our cheque.

Another interesting lot was the foreign collection of a Doctor just back from years in Kenya, Africa. Apparently he was on Gibbons' new issue service during the 1930-1940 period and had many of the good sets of Austria, Belgium, Germany, Italy and Vatican which are complete in fine condition. The Doctor was well pleased at our valuation and promised to come back in September.

What Else?

Well there was a fine Newfoundland collection from Scotland.

The Poulsen British Colony collection, a very fine lot in three albums, beautifully arranged in Hawid mounts.

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Wholesale shipments from Israel, Ceylon, Colombia, Great Britain and San Marino.

Stamp robberies have plagued the Toronto area recently and I would like to offer this advice to collectors:

Have your stamps insured. Keep them locked up. Do not have strangers to the house to look at your stamps. Do not send or leave your stamps with others unless you know them. Deal with members of the Canadian Stamp Dealers Association. Last but not least, when you're not sure or have a problem — ask me or write. I'm always glad to help.

Philatelically yours,

Harry Marks

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The Editor Speaks Out . . .

FOR some time past now, the activities of the Edmonton Stamp Club have been notable, even from this long distance away. For two years in succession now, the Club has put on what has turned out to be a remarkable show and they are to be congratulated. Not only do they seem to have a superb executive, but also they have a good crowd of hard-working members, for a first-class exhibition requires the co-operation and team work of practically the whole of the Club.

For quite a while now, we have been receiving cuttings of Art McIntyre's Stamp Column in the Edmonton Journal. This is one of the most interesting and readable columns in the country, but what is even more interesting to us, is the constant mention of the Royal in his column. Hardly a week passes but Art manages to mention some facet of the RPSC.

In so doing, Art does a tremendous amount of good for raising the prestige not only of the Society, but also of that doughty organization, the Edmonton Stamp Club.

Apparently, up Edmonton way, they don't seem to worry about "What do we get out of the Royal?", but merely go about their business and in so doing, raise the prestige of philatelists and philately all over the country.

Thank you, Edmonton, and well done!

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While we were delighted to see so many members and friends from some of our "far flung" outposts (if we can describe them as "outposts"), it was also a great pleasure to meet many old friends from places nearer home.

Our Kitchener friends turned up in strength —22 came down on the Friday alone—and it was good once again to see such stalwarts as Bill Erbach, Joe Backes, Walter Grierson, Bert Fuller, Jim Kraemer, most of them with

their good wives, and also to make the acquaintance of the Club's new President, Mrs. Gillrie. And a special mention must be made of Margaret Beardmore formerly of Oakville, where she was a pillar of strength to the local club and is doing just as good a job with the Kitchener juniors.

Gene Barna, of Leamington was there too, eager to tell us of the activities of the Leamington P.S., now the Sun Parlour P.S. Brian Smith and A. E. L. Maughan of Chatham were in evidence and, as could be expected, Sarnia was in some strength, as we had a chat with Mrs. Kirkman, W. L. Millman, Grant Showers and others.

Jim Moore, the able editor of the Brantford S. C. "Philly", was there too, and Dick Babb from Blair took a few hours off from farm work to come to Canpex.

Our President, Dr. Geldert, brought along a good contingent from the Capital and Quebec was represented by several present, notably Watson Yuile, of Montreal and the mesdemoiselles Fortin who came all the way from Québec just to mount two frames of topicals!

Sometimes we wonder why the heck we have ever taken on the job of editor, but when we attend an affair like the Windsor Convention and meet so many good friends, our doubts seem to vanish into thin air and we feel amply rewarded for all the worry and effort we might have put into the task.

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As many clubs in Canada can testify, the National Hockey League play-offs played havoc with the attendance at Club meetings in March and April and caused many a fast break-up, everyone being in a great hurry to get home and see the games on TV.

The problems of such occurrences is pretty general, as we note an item in the P.C.L. PACKET, Bulletin of the Louisville Philatelic Club, Kentucky, which reads as follows:

"REMEMBER — Because of the Kentucky Derby, our May meeting will be held the Second Thursday . . . . Jot it down and come prepared to brag about picking the winner."!

Now does the Louisville Club, to encourage attendance, give an attendance prize in the shape of a "fifth" of the local renowned "Mountain Dew"?

Keep back a bit, fellas, don't all rush at once . . . there's lots there!"

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One remarkable point in connection with Canpex which should be brought out is the excellent co-operation which was given by all publicity media, press, radio, TV, philatelic journals and stamp columnists. During most of April and May, it was hardly possible for us to pick up a philatelic item which seeing some mention of Canpex.

If any philatelists were unaware of it, they could not have been doing much reading!

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In connection with publicity on philately, we must also note the slogan EDUCATION THROUGH PHILATELY used in Toronto during the last week in May and also a remarkable stamp display was used in connection with the recent Second Commonwealth Study Conference. It is indeed gratifying to philatelists to know that stamp collecting is being so well appreciated as a useful aid to the dissemination of general knowledge of world events.

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The Post Office which was installed in the main lounge of the Cleary Hall at Windsor did a land office business. We do not know how many FDCs went through the cancellor but it must have ben in the thousands. Also, the stock of stamps sent down by the Philatelic Agency in Ottawa had practically disappeared by closing time Saturday.

Our thanks go to Mac Duncan, the genial P.R. Officer of the P.O. in the Windsor area, and his willing helpers for the top-notch co-operation they gave to everyone who came to the counter. Ed Richardson, our worthy contributor, can vouch for that!

Canpex – A Great Success

by A. H. CHRISTENSEN, Vice-President

The Canadian National Philatelic Exhibition, "CANPEX", held in Windsor, Ont., May 3 to 5, was an outstanding success from every point of view. With 1,034 frames of competitive material and a large Court of Honor, housed under ideal conditions in the new Cleary Exhibition Hall, it drew a large attendance of philatelists not only from the surrounding area but from as far away as Scotland and Southern California. Held on the occasion of the 34th Annual Convention of the Royal Philatelic Society of Canada, with the Windsor "Y" Stamp Club acting as hosts, CANPEX was staged under the General Chairmanship of Dr. N. O. Boyd of Windsor and was officially opened by his Worship Michael Patrick, Mayor of Windsor.



The exhibits were most attractively presented on the new frames which had been especially dsigned and constructed for CANPEX. They were mounted under the director of Fred Jarrett, Honorary Chairman of the Exhibition Committee and rigid security measures were taken throughout the exhibition.

Lighting was excellent and with three floors there was plenty of space for the exhibition, displays, the Post Office, meetings and a large Bourse.

The new Cleary Exhibition Hall with its superb view across the river to Detroit is probably the finest hall in Canada for philatelic exhibition.

THE EXHIBITS

The standard of the exhibits shown at Windsor was very high and among the Gold Awards were several outstanding collections. Both J. Watson Yuile's Nevis and Carl Mangold's Switzerland have been greatly improved since they were shown at "BYPEX". The former is now considered to be the finest collection of Nevis in existence. There was also Dr. J. J. Matejka Jr's world famous collection of Newfoundland Airmails, H. D. S. Haverback's Tibet and a beautiful showing of the classics of Imperial Russia by P. M. Davidson, to single out just a few of the many very fine exhibits shown at "CANPEX".

GOLD AWARD WINNERS

Of the 12 Gold Awards, three went to Canadians, one to England and the remaining to the United States.

The Gold Award winners in catalogue order were as follows:

R. S. Solomon, Dayton, Ohio (Canada 3d. Beavers); G. Whitworth, Halifax, England (Canada 12½c. and 17c. 1859); C. P. de Volpi, Montreal (Canada 18th. & 19th. century covers); W. W. Knox, Oakland, Calif. (Great Britain); Dr. & Mrs. Robert S. Breakey, Lansing, Mich (U.S.A. 1902-08); J. Watson Yuile, Montreal (Nevis); R. Canman, Chicago, Ill. (Hong Kong); P. M. Davidson, Glencoe, Ill. (Imperial Russia); H. D. S. Haverbeck, Summit, N.J. (Tibet); Dr. J. J. Matejka Jr., Chicago, Ill. (Newfoundland

Airmails); H. A. Feist, Glenside, Pa. (Brazil); and Carl Mangold, Montreal (Switzerland).

SILVER AWARDS

There were 33 Silver Awards, nine of which went to Canadians, one to New Zealand and one to England with the remaining 22 going to the United States, as follows:

Dr. R. V. C. Carr, Youngstown, Ohio (New Brunswick); C. T. Clark, Toronto (Canada, Large Queens); J. Law, London Ont. (Canada, Large Queens); W. P. Carter, Willowdale, Ont. (Canada Small Queens); J. S. Siverts, Wilmington, Del. (Newfoundland); S. A. Wood, Auckland, New Zealand (Newfoundland); Mrs. S. M. McDonald, Canton, Ohio (Canada Transatlantic Mails); D. Van Oudenol, Calgary (Canada Revenues); Wilmer C. Rockett, Willow Grove, Pa. (Canada Revenues); P. Schmid, Farmingdale, N.Y. (U.S.A.); Robson Lowe, London, England (U.S. Locals); G. L. Lee, Bernardsville, N.J. (Egypt); E. A. Kehr, New York, N.Y. (Egypt); B. R. Cameron, Fort Lauderdale, Fla. (Jamaica) With the Felicitations of the Jury; C. H. Bayley, Ottawa (Barbados); H. J. Selzer, Chicago, Ill. (India); A. H. Zahm, Syracuse, N.Y. (N.W. Facific Is.); A. H. Ward, Ottawa (France 1849-70); J. Watson Yuile, Montreal (Papal States); W. W. Ruthenberg, Broomall, Pa. (Mecklenburg Schwerin); A. Dulin, Liverpool, N.Y. (Germany); S. W. Ivry, Montreal (Austria and Lombardy-Venetia); R. A. Swanson, Chicago, Ill. (Iceland); H. Bernstein, Vineland, N.J. (Faroe Is.); Dr. R. Seichter, Germany (Ukraine); H. Whittaker, Victoria, B.C. (Sudan); Rt. Rev. C. H. Doyle, Highland Falls, N.Y. (Tibet); Dr. R. H. Shrady, Englewood, N.J. (Canada airmails); B. A. Hennig,



Official opening of Canpex on Thursday, 3rd May. L. to R: Dr. G. M. Geldert, President; Dr. Norman O. Boyd, General Chairman of Canpex, and His Worship, Michael Patrick, Mayor of Windsor.

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Iain D. Jex Long, 7.3.62.

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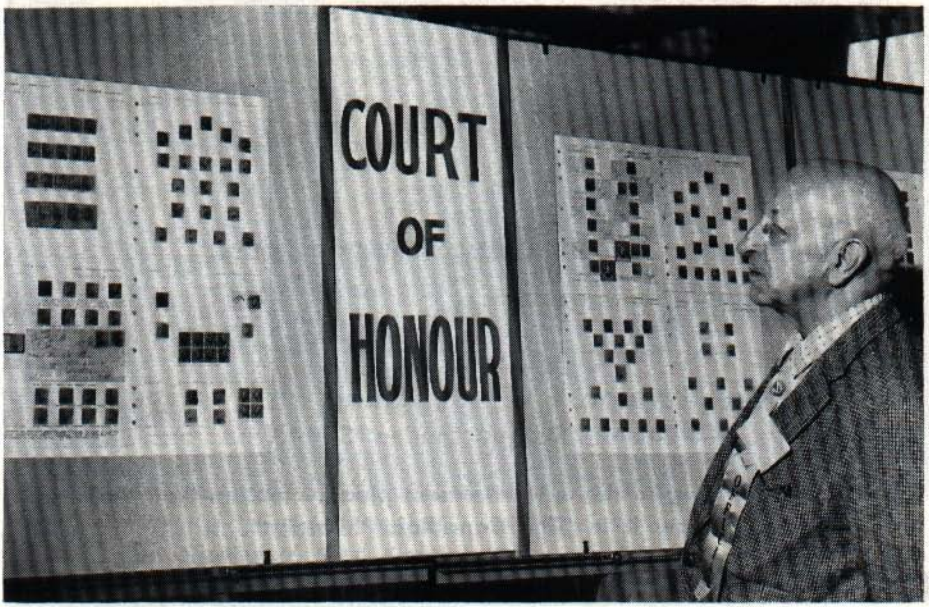
Chicago, Ill. (Danzig) With the Felicitations of the Jury; R. S. Ehrman, Pittsburg, Pa. (Manchuria); E. E. Puls, Birmingham, Mich. (U.S. Machine Cancels); H. P. Woodward, Newark, N.J. (Bulgaria) With the Felicitations of the Jury; and H. A. Eisenstein, Chicago, Ill. (China).

BRONZE AWARDS

Canadians won 30 of the 56 Bronze Awards. The winners were as follows:

P. Honek, Montreal (Canada); Dr. W. H. Harvey, Kitchener, Ont. (Canada); H. H. Harrison, Pikesville, Md.(Canada); W. Rorke, Edmonton, Alta. (Canada); T. V. Newlove, Edmonton, Alta.(Canada) B. H. Bartlett, Louisville, Ky. (Newfoundland); S. Shantz, London, Ont. (Canada); O. E. Green, Ferndale, Mich. (Canada); E. D. Berry, Ottawa (Great Britain); J. J. Legeer, East Rochester, N.Y. (U.S.A.); T. V. Newlove, Edmonton, Alta. (U.S.A.); F. L. Baldwin, Rutland, Vt. (U.S.A.); R. B. Parker, Detroit, Mich. (U.S.A.); Dr. W. F. Harris, Monroeville, Pa. (U.S.A.); F. Schmid, Farmingdale, N.Y. (U.S.A.); B. Anthony, Detroit, Mich. (U.S.A.); Dr. W. E. Wilson, Grand Rapids, Mich. (U.S.A.); J. B. Jackson, Ferndale, Mich. (Malta); W. O. Buchanan, Toronto (Malta); A. H. Hinrichs, Toronto (India); A. Ruta, Toronto (Cochin); H. D. S. Haverbeck, Summit, N.J. (Scind); H. Lee, Larchmont, N.Y. (Brunei); A. W. Blakeley, Toronto (Western Australia); S. C. Jersey, Oak Park, Ill. (New Hebrides); C. R. Higby, Port Lambton, Ont. (France); L. M. Lamouroux, Toronto (France); A. G. McKanna, Toronto (France); J. B. Slough, Vancouver, B.C. (Netherlands); J. B. Schumacher, Windsor, Ont.(Switzerland) M. C. Dillingham, Menlo Park, Calif. (Prussia); Dr. S. Kurtis, Detroit, Mich. (Germany); A. H. Christensen, Westmount, P.Q. (Norway); Dr. J. K. Senior, Chicago, Ill. (Russia); E. R. Kotyk, Jersey City, N.J. (Ukraine); H. Ghetler, Montreal (Laos); Dr. D. W. Polhemus, Glendale, Calif. (Japan); A. Handelman, Chicago, Ill. (Hawaii); H. Sutherland, Toronto (Chefoo); N. A. Pelletier, Toronto (Canada airmails); F/L R. K. Malott, Canadian Armed Forces, Europe (Canada airmails); W. Winterer, Detroit, Mich. (Zeppelin covers); A. Veveris, De-

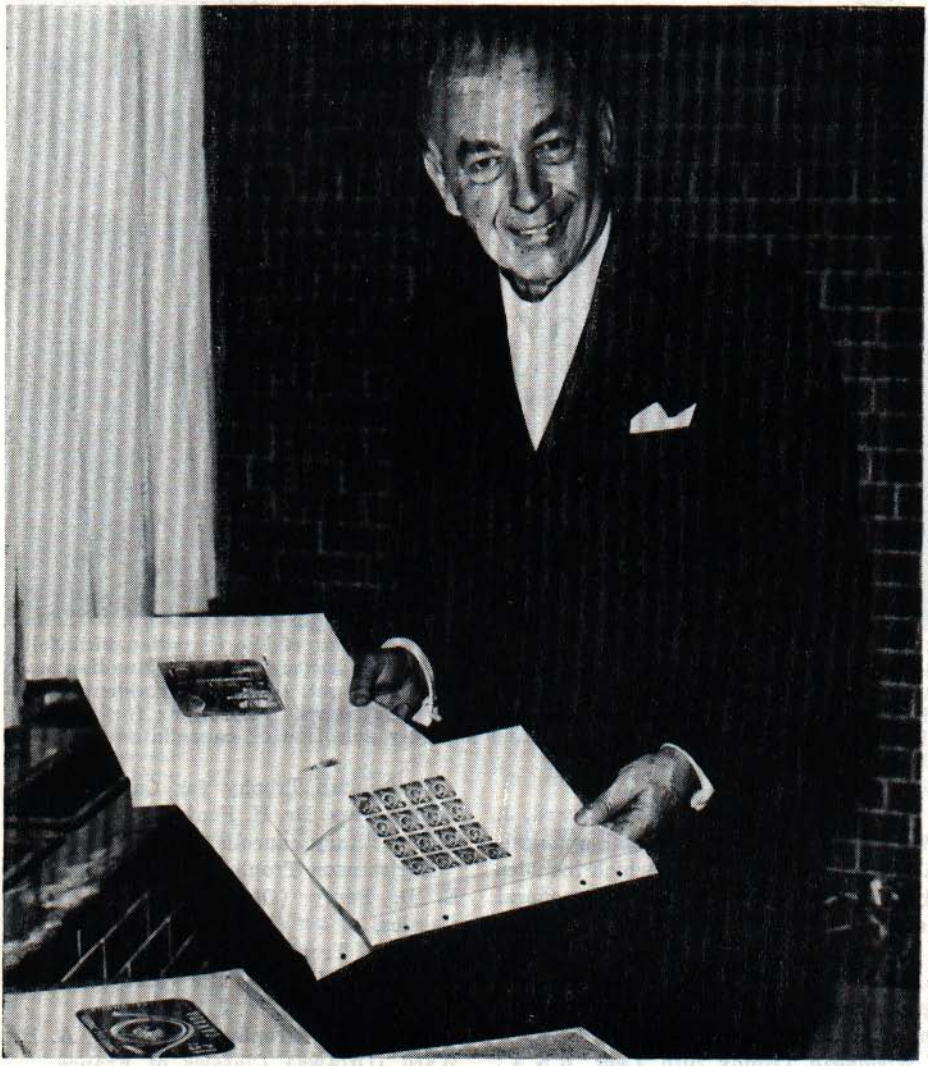
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troit, Mich. (Latvian airmails); R. K. Eadie, Montreal (Swiss airmails); A. H. Christensen, Westmount, P.Q. (France Ambulants); H. Sutherland, Toronto (Postal History of Caracassonne); Mrs. E. M. Faulstich, Yonkers, N.Y. (Special Deliveries); R. E. Barnhart, York, Pa. (History of Posts); Walter J. Stern, Winnipeg, Man. (Topicals, Holy Land); Miss R. Beedle, Ithaca, N.Y. (Topicals, British Lion); Barbara R. Mueller, Jefferson, Wis. (Topicals, Postage Stamp as Art form); C. H. Magee, Clinton, Ont. (Topicals, Scouts); Mrs. W. R. Barnard, Ottawa (Topicals, Columbus); Dr. S. V. Soanes, Toronto (Topicals, Olympic Games); Miss J. M. Gordon, Victoria, B.C. (Topicals, Chalon Heads); and R. G. Ohler, Fonthill, Ont. (South Africa).

R.P.S.C. TROPHIES

Winners of the Royal Philatelic Society of Canada's Trophies (members only)



Carl Mangold, of Montreal, the designer of Canada's U.P.U. stamps of 1957, looking over his drawings and sketches of these stamps. Won a Gold Award and the Green Trophy at Canpex for his wonderful exhibit of Switzerland.



Sir George Williamson, of Aberdeen, Scotland, President of the Canadian Philatelic Society of Great Britain, who presided a well-attended meeting of Canadian and American members of the Society at Canpex. At right, our Vice-President Allen H. Christensen, of Montreal, who won two bronze awards at Canpex for his fine showing of "ambulants" of France, and a lovely selection of cancellations on the classic issues of Norway.

were as follows:

Brisley Trophy, the Grand Award, J. Watson Yuile (Montreal) for his magnificent collection of Nevis, which includes sheets, covers, plating studies and several unique items.

Seagram Trophy for 19th. Cent. B.N.A., G. Whitworth (Halifax, England) for specialized study of the printing, etc. of the 12½c. and 17c. 1859.

Woodhead Trophy 20th. Cent. B.N.A., Dr. J. J. Matejka Jr. (Chicago) for his wonderful collection of Newfoundland Aerophilately.

Hanselman Trophy for Canada 20th. Cent. covers, Dr. H. Fenigstein (Toronto) Cdn. Military cancellations.

Christensen Trophy for Great Britain, E. D. Berry (Ottawa) Line-engraved classics.

Harris Trophy for British Commonwealth, J. Watson Yuile (Montreal) for Nevis.

Lamouroux Trophy for France, A. H. Ward (Ottawa) Classics of France.

Green Trophy for Europe, Carl Mangold (Montreal) for his beautiful showing of the classics of Switzerland includ-

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3d. red, very large copy, superb on August '61, Entire ex. Toronto. $100

6. 6d. slate violet, fine fresh shade, lightly cancelled. $185

6d. slate violet, v.f. on Jan. '53 Entire ex. Montreal. B.P.A. cert. $240

8. 6d. brown purple, lovely original shade on clean entire ex. Montreal. $220

1852-1857 THIN WOVE

9. 3d. red, beautiful copy, lightly cancelled at right leaving Beaver clear. $28
10. 3d. deep red, marginal copy, lightly cancelled and superb. Cat. £22. ..... $33
11. 3d. The rare orange vermilion shade (of the laid paper), unusually light cancel, enormous margins and superb. $70
12. 3d. light red, good margins, red "PAID" cancel. $33
13. 3d. vermilion shade from top row with target & "3d." cancels. $56
14. 3d. fine fresh shade, lightly cancelled, THE MAJOR RE-ENTRY, Cat. £55. ..... $110
15. 3d. deep red, large vertical pair, top stamp THE MAJOR RE-ENTRY. Cat. £77. ..... $110
16. 3d. re-entry "C", Pane 2, No. 42, v.f. light blue green target cancel. $85
17. 3d. re-entry, Pane 2, No. 61, clear light target cancel and v.f. $33
18. 3d. deep red, S.G.7, lovely used pair, large even margins and lightly canc'd. $140
19. 3d. scarlet vermilion, v.f. vertical pair, lightly cancelled in blue. Cat. £60. ..... $110
20. 3d. deep red, superb vertical strip of 3 with sheet margin below, large margs. $280
21. 3d. red, large margined, vert. strip of 4, with re-entries Nos. 33, 43, 53, 63. ..... $500
22. 6d. slate violet, fine shade, lightly used. $200
23. 6d. slate violet, 4 margins, lightly cancelled and v.f. Cat. £85. ..... $140

MEDIUM HARD WOVE

24. 3d. red, fresh unused. Large even margins and very fine. Scarce stamp. $110
25. 3d. The rare orange vermilion shade with superb DATED cancel. Superb. $73
26. 3d. red, fresh shade, lightly cancelled, and very fine. Cat. £25. ..... $40
27. 3d. brown red, superb used, light clear target, Cat. £30. ..... $52
28. 3d. deep red, MAJOR RE-ENTRY. Numeral cancel. Cat. £50. ..... $100
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OTHER SPECIAL AWARDS

Other special awards were the Metha Prize for Asia, R. Canman, Chicago, (Hong Kong); Philatelic Specialists Society of Canada's Medal for research, H. D. S. Haverbeck, Summit, N.J., (Tibet); Germany Philatelic Society Gold medal, W. W. Ruthenburg, Broomall, Pa. (Mecklenburg-Schwerin); Silver medal, A.



Drirubhai Mehta Award for Asia, won outright by Richard Canman, of Chicago, at CANPEX. Mr. Mehta is Editor of the INDIAN PHILATELIC JOURNAL and has made this award as a token of goodwill following his visit to Canada in the fall of 1960.

Dulin, Liverpool, N.Y., (Germany Russian Zone); Bronze medal, M. C. Dillingham, Menlo Park, Calif. (Prussia); American Topical Association's Certificate, Barbara R. Mueller, Jefferson, Wis.

The Jury consisted of Messrs. W. J. Banks (Toronto), H. J. Bloch (New York), L. A. Davenport (Toronto), H. Dube (Toronto), H. Gates (New York),









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The Court of Honour consisted of a magnificent showing of Canada including 3d. Beavers (V. G. Greene, Toronto), other Pence issues including a superb 12 d. black on cover (Dr. G. M. Geldert, Ottawa), 10 cents Prince Consorts (Estate of the late Arnold Banfield, Oakville, Ont.), Large Queens (L. Gerald Firth, Pittsburg, Pa.) 1897 Jubilees (Clarence A. Westhaver, Boston, Mass.), and Inverted Seaways (G. L. Lee, Bernardsville, N.J.)

There was also a beautiful display of the large Hermes Heads of Greece which had been sent over by the Royal Philatelic Society, London from the Society's collection. There were also wonderful displays by the Canadian Bank Note Co. and the British American Bank Note Co. and an attractively arranged display by the Canada Post Office.

A feature of the exhibition was the first day sale of the Red River Settlement commemorative stamp on the opening day which was cancelled at the CANPEX P.O. with the FIRST DAY CANPEX cancellation.

PRESIDENTIAL ADDRESS

In his Presidential address at the Annual General Meeting of the Royal Philatelic Society of Canada held on the Saturday Morning Dr. G. M. Geldert of Ottawa first thanked the Windsor "Y" Stamp Club and Dr. N. O. Boyd for putting on such a wonderful Exhibition and Convention which was a most fitting conclusion for a most successful year for the Society.

He urged however that with the continually rising costs every effort should be made to increase the membership so that the Society would have the necessary funds to extend its services to philately in Canada. He appealed to each indivdual member to bring in at least one new member during the coming year. The Secretary, the Treasurer, the Co-ordinator of Chapters and the Editor of **The Canadian Philatelist** then gave their reports the latter appealing for more original articles by members for the Society's journal. The Director of Sales, Henri Gauthier, of Ottawa reported on the activities of the Sales Department during the year and asked the membership to supply more books of good material for circulation.

ELECTION OF DIRECTORS

The election of Directors for the new term then took place and at the conclusion of the annual meeting a Directors' Meeting for the election of officers was held.

The following Board of Directors was elected: Dr. G. M. Geldert, Ottawa, was re-elected president and A. H. Christensen, Westmount, and James Law, London, vice-presidents. Other directors elected were Walter F. Anderson, Ottawa (secretary); W. J. Banks, Toronto; Dr. N. O. Boyd, Windsor; E. J. Christensen, Edmonton; A. H. Hinrichs, Toronto; James F. Kraemer, Kitchener, (co-ordinator of chapters); L. M. Lamouroux,

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OTHER SOCIETY MEETINGS

Three other societies held meetings at "CANPEX". The Canadian Philatelic Society of Great Britain held its second annual gathering in Canada and the well attended meeting was addressed by the president Sir George A. Williamson of Aberdeen, Scotland. The society has over 400 Canadian and American members.

Meetings were also held by the Philatelic Specialists Society of Canada, president, H. Sutherland, and the Germany Philatelic Society, president, Lt. Col. H. L. Halle, who addressed their respective meetings. An "Admiral" study group was also held under the chairmanship of G. Drew-Smith of Galt, Ont.

PANEL DISCUSSIONS

A most informative panel discussion took place on the "Problems Relating to the Issuing of a New Postage Stamp" under the chairmanship of Dr. J. J. Matejka Jr. of Chicago, a member of the United States Stamp Advisory Board, who spoke of the preparations and security measures taken in connection with the issue of the Project Mercury stamp. Also taking part in this most interesting meeting were A. H. Bouchette, vice-president of the Canadian Bank Note Co. Ottawa, Carl Mangold, of Montreal, who designed the Canadian U.P.U. stamps of 1957 and B. M. Erb, of the Canada Post Office, Ottawa.

A panel discussion was also held by the members of the "CANPEX" jury on "The Problems of Judging a Larger Exhibition".

THE BANQUET

The convention was concluded by the annual banquet at the Prince Edward Hotel with Dr. N. O. Boyd, general chairman of CANPEX in the chair. In announcing the Gold, Silver and Bronze Awards and the winners of the R.P.S.C. Trophies, the chairman of the jury, E. Mueller of New York, complimented the exhibits committee, under the chairmanship of Alan G. McKanna of Toronto on the high standard of the well balanced exhibits which he considered to be nearly on a par with those of an international show.

P.M.G.'s ADDRESS

Introducing the principal speaker, Dr. Geldert said that the Hon. William Hamilton had done more for philately in Canada than any other postmaster general and had been the best friend they had ever had in Ottawa.

Mr. Hamilton, who had spent several hours looking over the exhibits, complimented those responsible for the wonderful material on display and spoke of the new stamps that are being issued this year. He announced the issue at the end of July of a commemorative stamp to mark the opening of the Trans Canada Highway.

THREE NEW FELLOWS

The Postmaster General then announced the appointment of three new Fellows of the Royal Philatelic Society of Canada. They are Dr. G. M. Geldert of Ottawa, A. H. Christensen of Westmount and V. G. Greene of Toronto. Fred Jarrett was created the first fellow of the society at the 1960 convention at Kitchener.

OPENING OF CHEST

The banquet was concluded by the opening, after considerable difficulty, of a chest weighing over 200 lb. that had been lying unopened in the post office vaults in Ottawa since the last century and which the postmaster general had arranged to be sent to Windsor to be opened in the presence of the members of the R.P.S.C. It was found to contain transfer rolls and plates used for some of the early stamps of New Brunswick and Nova Scotia which had all been burnished off so they only showed slight traces of the designs. Their existence does however solve the question of their whereabouts which had been puzzling philatelists for many years.

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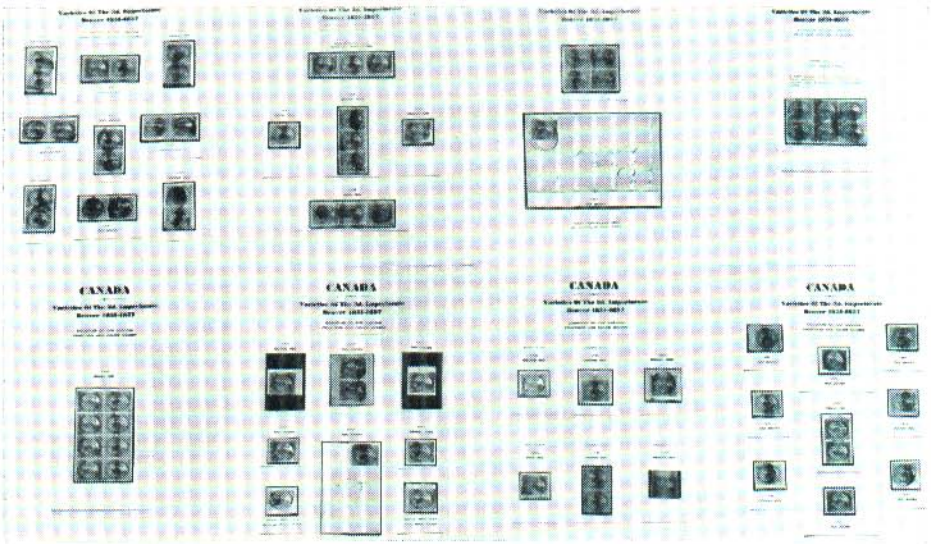
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#601—BILL STAMP FORGERY—2ND ISSUE

Mr. M. F. Anderson of Rapid City, S.D. reports that he has a 9¢ Second Issue Bill Stamp of Canada which is a lithographed forgery. We do not recall ever hearing of any forgeries of this issue.

Can anyone give us further information on this? Who was the forger? Were other values in this issue, or other issues so forged? Any other data?

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#602—"B.N.A. FANTASIES"

A long needed handbook has just recently been published. The full title is "U.S. Taxpaids & B.N.A. Fantasies", edited and published by Sherwood Springer. However we are concerned only with those six full pages of Canadian "Locals". It is fully illustrated, and is by far the best available listing of these interesting sideline items.

It is a comprehensive catalogue, giving not only such details as to shades, papers, values, etc., but also giving full description of the various types, the name of the fabricator, date of issue, and many, many other pertinent details. Well worth the $1.00 and can be secured from Mr. Springer at 6719 Seventh Ave., Los Angles 43, Calif.

The appearance of this booklet should give quite a boost to this particular field. This doesn't make us completely happy, as these have been pretty hard to come by during the past couple of years!

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#603—CANADIAN EXPEDITIONARY FORCES IN SIBERIA, 1918-1919

We have always appreciated the covers which came from soldiers attached to the Canadian Expeditionary Forces in Siberia during the winter and spring of 1918-1919. Up until recently we had never seen more than one of these ever offered at one time. We have felt quite pleased to have been able to secure five such covers over the past several years.

In a John Fox auction sale of last spring there were three of these, and not long thereafter Herman Herst had one in one of his fine auctions. This almost increases the known number of covers by 50%!

A few years ago one would have objected to paying more than $5 for such covers, but we note where they are now selling around the $25 mark. Frankly we do feel that they are exceedingly scarce, and that good covers will eventually bring prices which will make even $25 look like a bargain!

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#604—FAVOR'S EXPRESS

We are always surprised to see the large number of various markings that exist on covers of this express company which served Saint John, N.B. All other points served were in the U.S., and included Eastport, Portland, East Machias and Boston.

Covers of this express company are known for an eight year period at least, 1849-1857.

During the earlier period, express labels were used on letters carried by this service. In the later years we know of only various handstamps.

A goodly number of covers from the "D. S. Kennedy, New York" correspondence, which originated in Saint John,

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were carried by this express company. Some of the handstamps used on covers carried by this express company and in the writer's collection, include:—

"STEAM"—straight line, in red or black.

"COLONIAL EXPRESS MAIL"—single circle, in black

"Favor's Express"—in manuscript.

"EXPRESS MAIL"—single circle, in red.

"PROVINCE OF NEW BRUNSWICK"—single circle, in black.

"U.S. EXPRESS MAIL"—single circle, in black.

"FAVOR'S EXPRESS—St. John, N.B.—Eastport—& Boston"—triple circle, in red.

Covers of New Brunswick, carried by Favor's Express, rival those western express covers of British Columbia for rarity and interest. They are however a long overlooked facet of BNA Postal History.

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#605—WINSLOW & CO. EXPRESS

While we have some seven varieties of this well known bogus Canadian "Local", it was not until we read Springer's handbook on "BNA Fantasies", mentioned earlier, that we knew of the variety "top framelines missing". We have never seen this variety. Can any reader report same? If so, please report the color of ink, and paper.

This was another of S. Allan Taylor's fabrications.

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#606—IMPRINTS ON NOVA SCOTIA CENTS ISSUE

Good as the new "Canada Plate Block Catalogue" by K. Bileski is. it still perpetuates an error that has appeared in every edition. This has to do with the number and positions of the imprints on the Nova Scotia Cents issue. Again, the new edition reads—"1¢ to 12½¢—Imprint Type II, Eight times on sheet, twice on margin."

For a long time Holmes' Catalogue also made this same error, but this has since been corrected, and the latest edition gives the proper information.

As far back as April 17, 1943, this writer published in STAMPS magazine, an article complete with drawings showing the exact number and position of these imprints on all sheets, except the 5¢ value. In not a single case do the imprints come "eight times" as stated! They came TEN or TWELVE times on each sheet, instead!

1¢ Value:—ten times—
top margin, twice, over stamps 2-3, and 8-9.
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left margin, thrice, stamps 11-21, 41-51, 71-81.
right margin, thrice, stamps 20-30, 50-60, 80-90.

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top margin, twice, over stamps 3-4, and 7-8.
bottom margin, twice, below stamps 93-94, and 97-98.
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bottom margin, thrice, below stamps 93, 95-96, and 98.
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10¢ Value:—ten times—
top margin, twice, as on the 2¢ value.
bottom margin, twice, as on the 2¢ value.
left margin, thrice, stamps 1-11, 41-51, and 81-91.
right margin, thrice, stamps 10-20, 50-60, and 90-100.

12½¢ Value:—ten times—
(the layout is exactly as in the 2¢ value).

5¢ Value:—ten times—
(the exact layout is not known, but from the small amount of material seen by this writer it is assumed

that the layout is the same as that of the 2¢ and 12½¢ values.)

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#607—"CATALOGUE OF AEROGRAMS"

This two volume, loose-leaf "Catalogue of Aerograms" of the world, by Fred Kessler, foremost airmail authority, has already become the "bible" to aerogram collectors. It is one of the finest philatelic handbooks and catalogues ever to come off a press!

Volume I devotes 14 pages to the regular and military aerograms of Canada, and it is by far the best, most complete, and most profusely illustrated listing of these issues we have seen.

It seems too bad that the Canadian Specialist has to buy the whole two volume set just to get the 14 pages needed. Perhaps the publisher will eventually make other arrangements.

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#608—"MOON PRECANCELS

For one who wishes to form a small, modern cancel collection, I would suggest they do not overlook the possibilities offerred by the Canadian Precancels which bear the P.O. Number—"MOON" Precancels.

There were just 46 different towns which used this type precancel. A complete collection, with all the known varieties of inverts, doubles, etc. would still number only 228 varieties!

When we started this part of our collection, we eliminated the doubles and double inverts. However we managed to add a number of these anyway. There are just 13 varieties remaining on our original want list, including 6 normals, 6 inverts, and one which is double with one striked inverted.

Guess we will have to go after the rest of the doubles as we have just checked and find that there are only 27 of those we would need to complete the whole kit and kaboodle.

Let me warn you, however, that some of these are real toughies! We haven't been adding to our collection of them very rapidly of late! But good hunting.



The Hon. J. Percy Page, Lieutenant-Governor of Alberta, was a guest at the second Edmonton Stamp Show, ESCPEX '62, and officially opened it. Dr. Page is shown with Sandra Hill as they look over one of the collections on display.
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CHAPTER NEWS

• **CORNWALL & MASSENA**

The St. Lawrence International Stamp Club held a very successful exhibition at Cornwall, Ont., and it was the best attended in the Club's history.

The RPSC Plaque for the best showing of B.N.A. went to Robert Carr, for a frame on the Sports issue of Canada, and the Junior Trophy to John Garner, of Potsdam, N.Y., for his topical display of Cultural customs on stamps.

The judges were well-known philatelists from Ottawa, Mrs. Laura Barnard, Hans Reiche and Colin Bayley.

The First Awards in each category were: Robert Carr, B.N.A.; Laurence Mills, U.S.A.; Robert Carr, Commonwealth; Lorence Pries, of Canton, N.Y., Foreign; Roger Robitaille, Topicals; Lawrence Mills, Covers & Airmails; John Garner, Junior collections.

Wilfrid Sprung, chairman of the Exhibition committee, with Gordon Jarrett and Ernie Droppo, all of Cornwall, and Howard Hubert, William White and Robert Hutchins, of Massena, N.Y. and Rev. Donald Hosworth, Winthrop, N.Y., are to be congratulated on a job well done.

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• **NORTH TORONTO**

The 19th Annual Exhibition of the North Toronto S.C. took place on the 7 and 8 April last and was well attended, over 800 visitors passing through the door.

The quality of the exhibits was very high indeed this year.

Awards: Ed Averill, B.N.A., (Admiral Coils) Grand Award; Reg Lant, Commonwealth (Jamaica), Gold; L. M. Lamouroux (France), Foreign, Gold; W. J. Banks (Scotland postmarks), Gold; M. Lubinsky (Polish Locals), First; Harry Guertin (Topicals "How the Mails Go Through") Silver; R. Johns (New Exhibitor, The Rise and Fall of Hitler on Stamps), First.

Tony Ruta obtained the Philatelic Specialists' Society's Medal for his specialized study of the stamps of Cochin.

There was also a non-competitive section of beautiful material shown by Ralph Tipper (Egyptian Airmails); Russ Waines (Native Market Issue of Senegal, showing Types, Shades, Varieties, etc.); Harry Sutherland (The Local Post of Chefoo) and Gordon Fulton (Pitcairn—The Island and its History).

Seymour Kazman, the chairman of the Exhibition Committee, is to be congratulated on a very interesting and organized show.

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• **WESTMOUNT (Montreal)**

We learn from Wayne Bungay, the Secretary of the Club that the Westmount Stamp Club's cheque for $350 was handed over to the Canadian Red Cross Society by J. E. Pickering, Bob Sutherland and Wayne, at a little ceremony which took place recently. Wayne has

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sent us a photo of this interesting presentation but unfortunately it was not good enough for reproduction.

According to Bob Sutherland's figures, this was the Club's twentieth presentation to the Canadian Red Cross, for a total amount of $4,843, truly an astounding figure.

By the way, with reference to an editorial item of ours in this issue, he ends up his letter to us with the line: "On tap to-night for another members' auction . . . for all the non-hockey enthusiasts". Come to think of it, what else could you expect in the home town of Rocket Richard?

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● KITCHENER

Mrs. R. B. Gillrie was elected President of the Kitchener-Waterloo P.S. recently, the first woman to hold the post in the history of the Club. Harold Beaupré, 81 Dover St. South, Waterloo, was elected Secretary.

The K-WPS held a very successful exhibition in April at the Walper Hotel, at which members not only of the Club exhibited, but also of the Galt, Guelph, Woodstock and Brantford clubs, together with the Mutual Life S.C., the Income Tax S.C., the Bridgeport Junior S.C. and the Germany P.S.

Mrs. Alfred Beardmore was awarded the R.P.S.C. plaque for a fine exhibit of New Zealand semi-postal issues and her daughter Margo also won a gold award together with the Albert E. Fuller Trophy for the best exhibit by a member of the K-W Junior Club.

Among other awards won were the Dominion Life Shield for the best entry by a K-W member, a specialized study of Canada's 1859 One Cent rose. Tied with him was O. E. Weber, of Galt, who displayed Canadian coil issues.

Jim Law, Mrs. Reavely and Stan Shantz, all of London were the judges. Jim Law remarked on the great improvement shown in the quality of the exhibits over last year when no one won a gold award.

Judy Marshall was the first winner of the Hamilton Trophy, on the basis of her exhibit and also her attendance and progress at the Kitchener Junior S.C.

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● VICTORIA

Three Victoria clubs, the Greater Victoria P.S., the Vancouver Island P.S. and the Victoria Junior S.C. held a joint Exhibition from May 8-12 in the Douglas room of the Hudson's Bay Company to celebrate the coming centennial of the Incorporation of Victoria.

136 frames were on display and the show was very well attended during its five days.

The following were awarded Firsts: Mrs. L. E. Small (Flowers); J. Pickering (London Post Marks); C. A. Wildig (Ryukus Covers); L. Fielding (Canada Revenues) and Miss Jessie Gordon (Barbados).

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The hint of an additional postage stamp for 1962, over one thousand exhibition frames, an almost unlimited amount of dealers, a marvellous court of honour, excellent displays by the Bank Note Companies and the Post Office (although the latter could have done even better), a spacious exhibition hall (may be too big to get to the third floor), exhibition material which was well on the international level, a lot of friendship and get togethers, trading, swapping, selling, buying, some thoughtful discussions and a cordial host committee. What else does one need?

Of interest are the remarks by dealers who attended the exhibition. Canada, Canada, Canada anything else? No. Are there no collectors other than Canada? It almost looks like it. The demand for better Canadian material is so great that no dealer could satisfy the buyers. Although there is a desperate effort being made to bring the plateblocks back to full swing, sales were very poor. Covers seem very strong, also Officials and booklet panes. Even the neglected precancels make their demand heard. Large Queens almost nonexistent, so you will have to wait until one of the well-known collections is being dispersed. Small Queens, all sorted by thousands of collectors, so you take your choice and try to find something. Admirals a few, but most of them just good for mailing your letters with half the picture showing (so called "fairly well centered"). Original gum? Yes, but in most cases home made. May be you have a better recipe and yours is luminescent instead of fluorescent. There is some demand for modern Germany, especially Berlin, for Switzerland and for the great varieties of Topicals. The obvious question is where is all the Canadian material to come from that is wanted by collectors? Dealers simply do not know.

The RA Stamp Club in Ottawa recently had their annual exhibition, 60 frames and a very fine display. Dr. Geldert, our President, termed it by far the best local stamp exhibition he had seen.

Talking about exhibitions, the next time you are at the Ottawa airport, go in and see the National Aviation Museum. One of the many exhibits shows the history of Canadian Air Mail. Not only is there a fine showing of some of the Canadian official and private airmail stamps but a number of covers and various photos are included. One cover is of the first flight between Ottawa and Toronto 1921, another from Estevan to Winnipeg in 1924 and one from Seattle to Victoria in 1920.

An interesting article appeared in a technical magazine explaining a new machine which is called PDQ. This machine dispenses automatically trading stamps at checkout counters. The machine automatically spits out the exact number of stamps required for each purchase. Brains of this device are five small Micro switches. A simple key is used to start the machine. Pressing any pushbutton operates the motor and roller mechanism to feed out stamps. When the correct number of stamps have been dispensed the switch shuts off the motor. Although this machine was developed for trading stamps, there is no reason why it could not be used for postage stamps. Post Office wickets could make use of this machine and dispense stamps much faster and more accurcately. It would also eliminate the difficulty of

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THE LONDON LETTER

By ROBSON LOWE (R.P.S.C. 7400)

One of the most interesting forgery cases of modern times has just been heard in New South Wales. The accused, Allan Gee, is a Chinaman who works with a variety of aliases and has corresponded in philatelic circles under the name of Ma and Yon Chee Chu. Some two years ago he sent a selection of Chinese fakes and forgeries to an auctioneer's in the United States which included a wide variety of imperforate and imperforate between varieties as well as double, treble and inverted overprints and surcharges.

When these fakes were identified, Allan Gee was charged with forging and uttering postage stamps and at the subsequent court hearing, J. R. W. Purves proved to the court that the stamps were forgeries but, as the Crown could not prove the uttering part of the indictment without witnesses from New York, the case was dismissed. The fakes used as exhibits in this case were retained by the authorities although there was a certain amount of argument going on regarding the ownership, for Gee wanted to have them back.

In October 1961, members of the New South Wales Vice Squad searched Gee's premises when looking for pornographic films. They found none, but did come across a biscuit tin containing 54 zinc line cuts of various overprints and surcharges. These cuts bore some 250 types of overprints and surcharges, some being in singles and some in the formation of blocks of four.

Up to moment of writing, the only lists that I have been able to study of these forgeries are those published in the second and third bulletins of the **Australian Commonwealth Collectors Club.** Further information has appeared in the **Australian Stamp Monthly.**

From the information already published the following were included:

Australia 1941 2½d and 5½d. "B.C.O.F." 1946—Both types.
Bahamas 1942 Landfall of Columbus.
Bahrain 1948 "2½ ANNAS".
Barbados 1907 Kingston Relief Fund.
B.M.A. Malaya.
British East Africa 1895 overprint.
British Guiana 1899 "TWO CENTS".
British Honduras 1891 "FIVE", "6", "15".
British Somaliland 1903.
Burma Peacock overprints.
Canada 1899 and 1926 "2 CENTS" 1923 "6" (on 5c. airmail).
Cape of Good Hope 1879 "3 PENCE".
Cayman Islands 1907 "½D", "1D", "2½D"
Dominica 1886 "One Penny".
Falkland Islands 1928 "2½D".
Gold Coast 1901 "PENNY" ("ONE" omitted).
Great Britain "ADMIRALTY OFFICIAL" and "BOARD OF EDUCATION".
Hong-Kong 1891 Jubilee.
Labuan 1895 and 1905 overprints.
Malaya-Japanese Occupation chops
Mafeking 3d. Besieged
Pakistan 1947 high value overprints (presumably for the 1r inverted).
Papua 1929 "AIR MAIL"
Newfoundland 1897 "ONE CENT" the three types and 1920 "THREE CENTS".
Niger Coast 1893 "Half Penny" provisionals (Gibbons types 3-10), "One Shilling" and "5/-".
North Borneo 1947 Royal Cypher.

In addition to the above, it is reported that there are overprint types for Bushire and French Cameroons (which I have not seen) and the scarce air mail overprints for Honduras. The Chinese overprints and surcharges are extensive but the only consular overprints that I have seen are the German "China", at both angles. In addition Gee is reported to have made a variety of cancellations; the only one of which I have a record is

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The World United Against Malaria

by Arnold J. Rosenberg.



The World Health Organization (WHO) will be honored philatelically on March 30. 1962, with the issue of a 4-cent and 11-cent United Nations Stamp, commemorating MALARIA ERADICATION. This was announced by the United Nations Postal Administration and the theme will be "The World United Against Malaria."

More than eighty nations are cooperating in the anti-malaria program through the issuance of special stamps and postal markings. The dates of issue will vary, with most of the countries issuing their stamps on April 7, 1962, which is being observed as World Health Day.

The World Health Organization is a specialized agency of the United Nations. Of the many health problems facing the WHO, it has given priority to action on Malaria Control, maternal and child health, tuberculosis, venereal disease, nutrition and environmental sanitation. The WHO has headquarters in Geneva, Switzerland, and regional offices in various areas throughout the world.

The United States joined WHO in 1948, and will also issue on March 30, 1962, a 4-cent Malaria Eradication Commemorative Stamp, at Washington, D.C. The stamp will feature the Great Seal of the United States of America to the left, and the symbol of the WHO at the right. Across the top of the stamp is the lettering "World United Against Malaria", and across the bottom is "4¢" in large, solid lettering, and "United States Postage". Over a three year period (1958-1960) the United States has contributed more than 140 million dollars to the world-wide malaria eradication program.





Dr. Walter Reed, who devoted many years of his life to the fight to control malaria, was honored in 1940, on a 5-cent United States Postage Stamp, when the United States Post Office issued the set of Famous Americans, Scott #877.

Several famous world-wide Scientists and Doctors have been honored on Postage Stamps for their anti-malarial fight. They are:

1. Giovanni Battesta Grassi, Italy in 1955, 25 lire, Scott #701.
2. Dr. Hideyo Noguchi, Japan in 1949, 8 yen, Scott #480.
3. Dr. Carlos J. Finlay, Cuba in 1934, 2 and 5 centavos, Scott #319 - #320; also Panama in 1950, 2 centavos, Scott #372.
4. Gen. William G. Gorgas, Canal Zone in 1928, 1 cent, Scott #105.
5. Ilya I. Mechnikov, Russia in 1945, 30 kopecks & 1 ruble, Scott #1011-#1012.

Also very famous for their untiring work and efforts against malaria, but

never honoured philatelically are: Sir Ronald Ross of Great Britain; Dr. Max Theiler of South Africa and the United States; and Charles L. A. Laveran of France. Two Americans, Dr. Jesse W. Lazear and Dr. James Carroll, assisted Dr. Walter Reed in Cuba shortly after the Spanish-American War, in the fight to control malaria.



Many countries issued stamps years before the current Malaria Eradication Series and could be classified as forerunners of this group. In 1960 Persia issued a set of three stamps to publicize malaria control, Scott #1156 - #1158. In 1949, Haiti, issued a set of six, depicting the mosquito, Scott #CB3-#CB8. Also you find India with an issue in 1955, Scott #261.

The Executive Board of the World Health Organization suggests that Governments carrying out anti-malaria programs to take advantage of this Philatelic event in order to augment the funds available for international anti-malaria control.



The Executive Board draws attention to the fact that the date of issue need not necessarily be April 7, 1962; that any other date prior to December 31, 1962 is in order, but that to stamps relating to Malaria issued after December 31, 1962, should not be considered as part of the World Health Organization's Malaria Eradication Postage Stamp Plan.

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AS I often do these winter evenings, a few nights ago, I had one of my albums out looking where I got this and that and the stories surrounding them. This one came out of such and such a find. This one I bought, a bargain, from so and so. I came upon a block of four that recalled this story. It has, I think, some human interest. Perhaps you would like to hear it.

Thirty years in the life of mankind is not very long. In the life of a man it is a fair stretch, almost half his allotted span. I go back to the year 1917 during the days of World War One. Even then I had been a stamp collector for some years. My interest has never ceased over the intervening years.

I was, at the time, a patient in the Brighton Eastern General Hospital, Brighton, England. For the first time I was to be allowed to go down town. All, who have been in hospital, know what it is to have the feeling you are better and can get out and around again.

Needless to say, I started out feeling like a million dollars and would not have sold out for two, for fear I would lose money. Many will have heard of the Ship Hotel. Again, needless to say, it was my first port of call. Later, somewhat fortified against the sea breezes (good liquor could be bought in those days at prices that would or should make our Liquor Contral Board blush), I started out. I had decided upon a walk along the sea front.

Having nothing in particular to do and a fair amount of money saved up with which to do it, I started to what ladies call window-shop. I had not gone far when I came upon a newspaper-tobacco shop, so common in England, (they had tobacco in those days and Wild Woodbines), when, what do I see, struck up near the top of the window, but approval sheets, with stamps on them.

I did not have to get my glasses out in those days to see them. What do I see? Why map stamps and they look funny. Bless my eyes. They have no red for the British Empire on them. They are unused and are priced at nine pence each. Too much. Worse luck one is torn and the other has a bit of the corner gone. Perhaps they have more inside. So in I go.

When I asked about stamps, the middle aged man who came forward gave me a rather queer look. An adult who collected stamps, in those days, was almost universally considered, to say the least, to be a little queer. I think I must have shaken him. He made no move or

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did he say a word. So, I tried to clear the air a little. I explained I was a Canadian. The map stamps he had on the sheets in the window, did he have any more? I desired to buy some, but those in the window were damaged. I would like undamaged ones. Collectors tried to get as near perfect specimens as they could. Might I have a look at some?

He let out what sounded to me like a grunt. After considerable searching under the counter he brought forth some envelopes. Peering in them, making sure I could not get a look at the contents, he eventually dumped some more of the map stamps on the counter. There was perhaps nine or ten altogether. I picked up a block, then a pair, and set them aside. I proceeded to check over the others, all singles. While so doing I conversationally asked if he would have any more. I got a one word reply short and to the point. "No". One of the singles seemed to be alright so I set it aside with the block and the pair. The rest were not in good shape.

"How much would that be" I asked. "How many did I want?" I was asked. I said "I will take all you have that are not damaged." Thinking, maybe he had more, after all. I was wrong. Either that was the wrong thing to say, or he just did not like me or my face. I got a rather stern reply. "You must not take them all. You must leave some for others". With that he started to reach for what I had set aside. I beat him to the block and the pair but he won on the single.

Reaching into my pocket for something to put them in, I intimated I would like to have the single as well. It was again impressed upon me, I must leave some for others. I could keep the block and the pair but that was all I could have. The rest were somewhat hurriedly replaced in the envelope and the envelopes returned to a resting place under the counter. It appeared the limit of my purchases had been reached.

"How much did I owe him for what I had" I asked. "That would be nine shillings" I was told. I realized that I was being charged double. I also realized that for some reason I appeared to be a not very welcome customer. I decided not to dispute the amount. Paid and left the shop.

My feelings were mixed. Alternately, I was annoyed with myself for having paid double the price and salving my feelings with the thought, perhaps they are genuine and even at the price a bargain. Further walk along the sea front had no interest for me. I felt another visit to "The Ship" was called for. That was the place to straighten out the matter.

In no time I was in good spirits. What was nine bob! I had plenty of money. When released from the hospital, I had to go via London to get to camp. I would go into Gibbons and have them checked.

The intervening days passed pleasantly enough, so pleasantly in fact, I did not make another trip to the shop. When I did think of it, I recalled the reception I had received on my first visit. When

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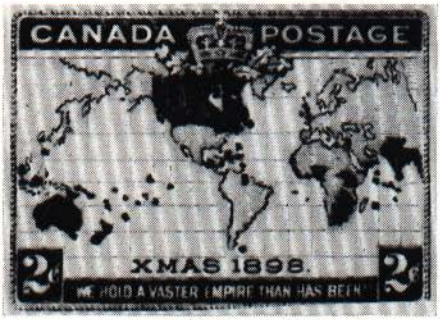
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I might have felt inclined to go, there were other interesting things to do just then. At last, the day came when I was released and on my way to London, due to report to Bramshott the following day.

I checked into the Imperial Hotel in Russell Square. That ornate brownstone structure, a fascinating piece of archtecture, was my favourite stopping place in London. There I met a pal on the last day of his leave. We went to see Chu Chin Chow. I had seen it before and saw it again on more than one occasion. I always enjoyed it. I never tired of the gorgeous spectacle, the music or the singing. Later we wined and dined. It was a good evening.



Normal Stamp with Red

Next morning I was up early. As I somewhat slowly got myself under way, I physically regretted my promise of the night before. I had in parting with my pal promised, in fact insisted, upon getting up to see him on his train.

My pal on his way, I still had time to put in. I decided I would drop into Lyons' Corner House in the Strand. It was close to Gibbons. I could do with a spot of coffee and a bit more food might help. Feeling better for the food and coffee, after what I considered a decent lapse of time, to enable them to get properly opened for business, I made my way to 391.

I was just a little awed at the thought of going into the famous stamp store. I had looked in the window on several occasions but felt I was far too junior a collector to buy anything in there. This was really my first visit. I entered and carefully closed the door. I was the only "customer" in the store. My fears were groundless. I was very courteously received and asked what they could do for me. I explained the purpose of my visit and produced the pair.

"Yes they appeared to be alright". Would I excuse him a moment. He went to the back of the shop behind a partition. In a few minutes he re-appeared accompanied by another man. I was informed they appeared to be alright. The perforation measured correctly. But, if I wished them expertised they would require more time. I was asked "Could I leave them for a day or so? "Yes" I replied "I expected to be in London again shortly". It was my hope I would get a few days leave as a result of my sojourn in hospital. Finally it was arranged that they would keep them till I called again, or if I could not get back, I was to write them and they would send them on to me by letter.

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The Block of Four Without the Red

I could hardly get the question out. "Are they genuine?" I asked. "Oh yes, they are quite genuine" he replied. "Would I like to sell them?" "Well no, I really did not want to sell them. I intended to put them in my collection" I said. "They would very much like to acquire them for the reference collection their firm maintained. He had been instructed to offer me—for them". "No, I was really not interested in selling them". I repeated. "Just a moment please". He made another trip to the rear of the store. Back he came. So it went on for a time. Finally I parted with them, at what I considered a good profit to myself. He did not know I had the block. I left the shop thoroughly pleased with myself in particular and the world in general.

Then history repeats itself— World War Two. Once again I am in the army. I see foreign lands, battle-fields, slaughter, pain, suffering humanity, human misery almost beyond belief. However, at last the day comes when hostilities cease. Eventually I return to Canada and some special duty in Ottawa.

It is Ottawa in the year 1947. I have intended many times to pay a visit to the Archives. It is a free afternoon. I shall make the long postponed visit. I finish my lunch and start out. Up Elgin Street, I cross "Confusion Square" past the monument to the dead of the first war. Over the Rideau Canal, by the Chateau, around the corner, I go. Passing Major's Hill on my left I make my way to the Archives next to the Mint. Almost at the last moment I am tempted to postpone the visit again. It is a lovely day for a hike. However, I decide I shall take at least a quick look and perhaps get the walk in too.

I pause to read the inscriptions on the tablets at the door. It is not a particularly imposing entrance. When you get inside it is even less so.

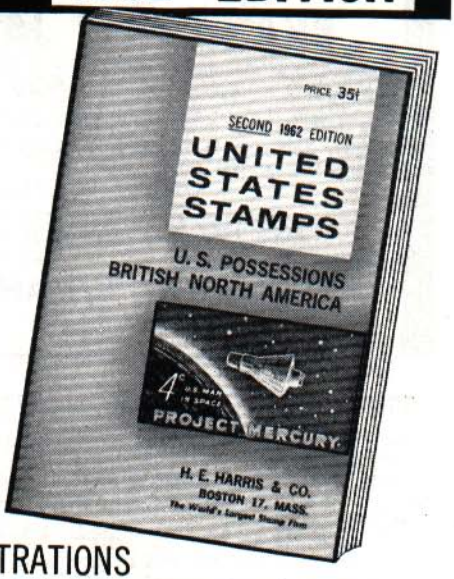
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THIRTY YEARS....from page 184

The rooms are filled with pictures, relics, documents, mementoes of the great and near great of Canada's storied past. I do as I had determined. I take a hurried look around and arrive back in the first room I entered. Standing in the doorway I plan to give the walls a look and then take a glance at the cases about the room. But as I am walking by one of the cases, out of the corner of my eye, I catch sight of some envelopes and sheets with stamps on them. I stop for a better look. Not very interesting. A pretty poor showing. OH, oh, what is this I see! Sure enough, of all things, there is a block of four and a single of my stamps. This, is interesting. I bend over the case for a more careful look. Yes, they appear the same, stuck on a sheet of heavy brown paper among a varied lot, including some of the regular map stamps.

There is no card or explanation of them in the case. I would like some further information. Perhaps I can find out where they came from, the donor and where he got them. Maybe I can get the story of how they got out. I look around for an attendant. I motion to him and he comes over. I ply him with questions. He is sorry he does not know anything about them, I would have to see the curator. Further questioning. I am informed he is out, the morning is the best time to see him. I continue to gaze at the stamps. Quite apparently not much impressed by me or my choice of exhibits he strolls away.

I determine to see the curator and make a point of doing so. On my next visit, within a day or so, I find him in his office. I tell him what I am seeking. We leave his office and go to the case. He regrets he can give me no data. He has none on them. He is very pleasant and tries to help, unlocks the case and permits me to examine them. I find it is not a block but three stamps with the lower left one neatly fitted into place. I thank him and depart disappointed.

How often we stamp collectors are disappointed. We get so close but just miss the find or long sought information we had hoped to get. But, it is all part of the fascination of the hobby.

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THIRTY YEARS....from page 186

could buy them from me. They have given me a great deal of pleasure. Good or bad. What does it matter. Memories ever green, days of youth, life was fun, life is still fun—30 years later. I re-light my pipe and turn this page. I wonder if the little shop is still there on the sea front.

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SECRETARY'S PAGE.....

Resignations

Corbett, Dr. H. V., Dartmouth, N.S.

Deceased

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THE MAIL BAG

MORE CRAZINESS?

Sir:—I enjoyed the article "How Crazy Can We Get", very much indeed. Well in my opinion, to-day we can sometimes get pretty crazy, but good and crazy! I personally agree with the article in the March-April issue 100%. But let us go further and include some of the various governments of some countries and not limit this "craziness" just to some thoughtless "fad" collectors.

We have all seen the "wallpaper" issues of Russia, Monaco, etc., that have been put out solely for propaganda or monetary reasons and truthfully served no actual postal purposes whatsoever. (This, I **hope**, no one will ever be able to say of the stamps of Canada). Well the latest country to join the wallpaper group just passed with flying colours, namely the United States of America, with the "Mercury" stamp which incidentally is **still** in orbit.

This stamp was originally printed in a quantity of 110 million; on Feb. 21 a quantity of 20 million more was added, but on Feb. 23 this was changed to 100 million extra and on March 2 the order was increased by 100 million more. Accordingly an original printing of 110 million stamps ended up (as of this date —but it is still in orbit) as a quantity of 310 million stamps. Likewise the First Day Cover figure increased over the original 1 million to 1,600,000 and then up again to 2 million. The "joker" of all of this is that none of these so-called First Day Covers even passed through the mail but were sold later "over the counter" unaddressed and hundreds of thousands weren't even cancelled on the First Day of Issue but days and weeks later. Now I ask you, "How Crazy Can the U.S. Government Get?"

I think this should go down in philatelic history as one of (if not **the**) the greatest farces ever. In my opinion this even surpasses the "Seebecks", and then some, because this was perpetrated by a "responsible" government. I repeat "How Crazy Can They Get"?

ALLEN F. MILLER,
Belleville, Ont. RPSC 7551

P.S.—One question I'd like somebody to answer for me from the above is—How can a cover be a First Day Cover when it wasn't even issued on the First Day?

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"SWAPS" AGAIN

Sir:—Some time ago I had correspondence with Mr. Anderson in Ottawa and he suggested that I should write to you in the hope that you might be able to "take up the cudgel".

The reason I wrote Mr. Anderson in the first place was to express my regret that after a year's membership in the R.P.S.C., I found I had really gained very little benefit. I wondered if the Society were really only for the advanced collector because I had not found too much of interest to the comparative beginner in the Philatelist.

One of my suggestions was that it might be possible to establish some sort of "exchange" column whereby members might find out the interests of other members and whether or not they were interested in exchanging stamps.

I realize that there is already a tremendous amount of voluntary work re-

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quired on the part of the executive but wonder if it might be possible to set up some sort of voluntary committee who might work on an "exchange" club in conjunction with the Royal. I have no idea whether or not this would be much too complicated a job, however, what I had in mind was either the inclusion of a "exchange correspondents" column in the Philatelist or even the publication of mimeographed sheets listing members who are interested — even if a small charge were made for either the listing or the obtaining of such lists.

My only source of supply of stamps is through exchange with people in various parts of the Commonwealth and from my own experience and the remarks of other correspondents, I realize that the greatest difficulty is in finding correspondents with mutual interests.

Perhaps there is already some publication somewhere which covers the above need, but I have not heard of it and I also know that correspondents in other countries have asked me if I knew of possible correspondents in other parts of the world.

The way I got my correspondents in the first place was through the "Hobby Column" of the Rotarian magazine, however, even this does not enable one to obtain addresses in all parts of the world.

After reading the latest issue of the "Philatelist" I would imagine that you are rather discouraged by the lack of response on the part of the general membership and I would not be too surprised if you hesitated to try a new field.

I hope you will understand that this letter is in no way a criticism of the Royal or its executive as I realize that all members of the executive must put in many hours of work without too many thanks, however, it is a suggestion put forth in the hope that sometime in the future consideration might be given to the idea.

AUDREY CRONIN,
Montreal West, P.Q. RPSC 7619

SWAPS AGAIN ASKED FOR

Sir:—I have just been re-reading the two letters that appeared in the May-June issue of CP by Messrs. Amos and Paterson, and I heartily endorse the idea of swapping or trading stamps and running free notices in CP. Nowadays, stamps are getting more and more expensive and making it difficult for persons like myself to buy on a limited income.

I was very much amused by the letter written by "Uncle Bill Hisself"! I can tell you that our worthy journal is getting to be more interesting and keep up the good work, Mr. Editor, please, and I think the magazine will get better each month.

M. E. OLIVER,
Victoria, B.C. RPSC 7105

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THE LONDON LETTER..... .....from page 178

the Gibraltar "10 OC 49" but the sources mentioned refer to those of Lhasa and Singapore.

During recent years a number of these forgeries have been submitted to the Expert Committee of the British Philatelic Association. Among those which I immediately recognised were the British Honduras, Cayman Islands and Niger Coast, British Somaliland, Cape of Good Hope, British East Africa, Burma Peacocks and Malaya Japanese chops. For the serious philatelist, Allan Gee's work is not difficult to identify but it is as well that collectors should be warned that these forgeries are in circulation.

Recently I gave a show of forgeries and fakes "Made in England" and wrote an accompanying commentary. Englishmen were writing about forgeries a hundred years ago and in 1865 Thomas Dalston wrote that poor forgeries were made in London, Manchester and Newcastle while the centre for the Scottish craftsman was Glasgow. Personal knowledge is limited but those forgeries and fakes made in the Old Country during the past decade seem to have come from London, Bournemouth and Brighton. The production is limited in quantity and scope but they provide a most interesting field for study.

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FROM PARLIAMENT HILL.....from page 177

handling stamps on hot and humid days.

No announcement has so far been made about the appearance of the long planned definitives. We hear that there is even the possibility that these will not come this year. Delays and resubmissions of designs cause this uncertainty. Every time a new design is tried out a die must be prepared, proofs must be taken from this die, various colours must be tried out, changes in the die have to be made and then the final proof must be shown to a number of officials for acceptance. The PMG will have to make the final decision before sending the stamp for the Queen's approval. Should this next design still not be suitable it will take more than half a year to bring out another one and so the chances for a stamp this year are probably 50 - 50.

Not being a plate block collector myself I do not know how much the interest has dropped in this field since the Post Office started selling them through the Philatelic Agency? But I am certain that all plate block collectors would like to see the plate inscription back again and for sale at all post offices. Although I have no more inside information than you have, I am fairly certain that the plate block inscriptions will make their appearance again soon. So just wait and see the possible official announcement.

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The famous "2c. Black Jack" is considered as part of the 1861 United States issue. It actually was issued in the first half of 1863 and became necessary when an Act of Congress, approved March 3, 1863, established a pre-paid 2 cent rate for drop letters.

The design is interesting by reason of the size of the head of President Andrew Jackson in relation to the size of the stamp.

Although more than 250,000,000 copies of the stamp were printed, the centering of the stamp was generally so bad that centred copies being high premiums over catalogue price.

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To those of our members who were not present, we can only say that the wealth of material at CANPEX was overwhelming. To give an idea of what was there, we would venture specially to mention H. D. S. Haverbeck's exhibit of Tibet. Ten frames of material of this so interesting but difficult country, eighty sheets of stamps, covers, letters, blocks, stamps that only a few of us have ever seen or even heard of, and yet, this was but an example, albeit a striking one, of what was on display. There has been nothing like it since Capex in 1951 and even Bypex, in spite of Bertie Ward's patriotic assertion, was perhaps not so well balanced.

However, we are leaving the description of this wonderful event to our good friend Allan Christensen, whose running commentary will be found on another page.

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One of the things that pleased our ego, naturally, was the numerous congratulations we received on our CP and we thank all the many members who so kindly came along and tackled us to tell us so. One thing stands out, however, among the many remarks made to us, the apparently great desire on the part of many for more articles on elementary subjects, or, to put it in other words, on the fundamentals of philately.

We faithfully promise to do our best to find some good material in this area.

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Your editor had taken to Windsor what he thought was an ample supply of filthy lucre to pay for his expenses, but during an hour's or so relaxation before the banquet, when we checked up to see how much we had left, we discovered to our discomfort that we would only have about fifty cents left after paying our hotel bill, etc.

We weren't unduly worried as we had plenty of Toronto friends who would have temporarily smoothed the way back for us, but we were none the less very much gratified when our name was drawn out of the hat at the banquet as the winner of a FIFTY dollar prize offered by the Windsor boys in the draw they organized to help pay part of the expenses of the event.

There was an anti-climax however. The next morning, when we paid our hotel bill, we were somewhat abashed to discover that we had based our calculation on seven days instead of five, so the situation was not quite so bad as we first thought. That ginger ale must

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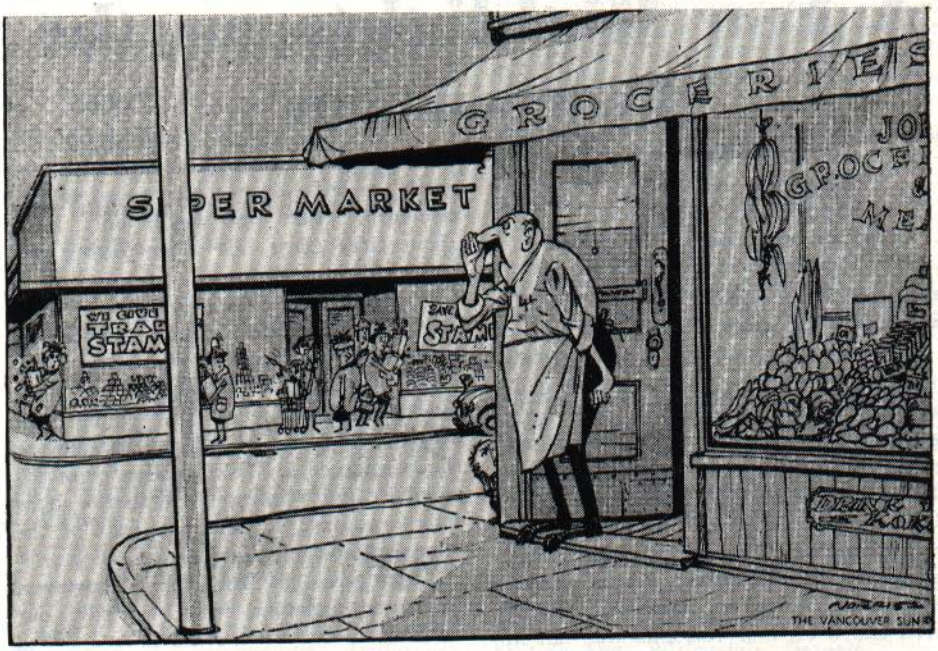
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From Canada, we were delighted to meet our good friends Larry Marrier and Bert Foster, from that hive of activity, Port Arthur, and Bill Rorke, ex-president of that other nest of very active philatelists, the Edmonton Stamp Club.

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Although he did not come back to Canada specially for CANPEX, we were glad to meet once again Flight Lieutenant Dick Malott, who had only arrived the preceding Friday from the RCAF Station near Nottingham, in England, to attend a course at the RCAF Staff College in Toronto and who took advantage of his first week end to come down to Windsor by bus. Last we saw of him, he was returning to Toronto with Narcisse Pelletier and as both are great enthusiasts of pioneer Airmail covers of Canada, it requires no great stretch of imagination to guess what they talked about on the long drive home.

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The way the Windsor boys and their wives worked was a revelation. It would be somewhat invidious to single out anyone, as all worked like Trojans, but we

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simply must mention two heroes, John Schumacher, of Windsor, and Peter Honek, of Montreal. Most of Monday, all of Tuesday and Wednesday until far into the night and a good part of Thursday, they worked, quietly, steadily, plodding along, hardly saying a word, and between them they mounted SEVEN HUNDRED AND TWENTY-SIX frames of eight sheets each! All who have mounted their own frames for their club show will appreciate this. All honour to John Schumacher and Peter Honek.

We must mention also the General Chairman, Dr. N. O. Boyd, of Windsor, who was here, there and everywhere during the four or five days. We have rarely seen a more tired looking man than Norm seemed to be on the Wednesday evening and we even turned down an invitation given to us to come to a gathering at his home by Barbara Boyd so that we would not interfere with his night's sleep, but with his most remarkable resilience, by the time the banquet was on on Saturday evening, Norm had bounced right back.

We can but add three words to all this on the "greatest little stamp club" in Canada:

WELL DONE, WINDSOR!

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As Ed Mueller, the chairman of the Jury, said: "Bronze winners need not feel aggrieved, as their exhibits would have won a gold in many international

shows and a bronze here is a high award indeed", and as your editor obtained a bronze, he is more than pleased—he is as proud as can be!

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The Postmaster General, the Hon. William Hamilton, was in great form at the Banquet and he kept everyone there convulsed for a great part of the time. While we liked his story of the punter at the races, we roared at the one he told of being in Nova Scotia a short while before, at an election meeting, and he discovered that in the basement of the same building, a stamp club meeting was going on. He went there and as he entered, he was sold a 5 cent ticket for a draw to pay the club's expenses there. He won a prize, wrapped up in a piece of paper, which, on being opened, turned out to be photo of Lester Pearson!

It is quite obvious that philately—and the Society—have a friend indeed in high places, and we, as philatelists, do regret the result of the recent election.

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At the Cleary Hall, when we went on the Sunday morning to see what chances we had of taking our own exhibit back with us, we met the "super-optimist". He was sitting in the deserted lobby, looking very dejected, but brightened up when he saw us enter and came to ask us: "I bought three FDCs at the desk yesterday and I laid them down somewhere. Have you come across them?"

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We heard from Vinnie Greene that foundations are being laid for a great international show in 1968 to celebrate the centenary of the first Dominion of Canada stamps. This is in preference to 1967, when celebrations of the Centenary of Confederation will be held in profusion everywhere.

It goes without saying that we shall publish details as they appear.

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One great satisfaction of all the members of the Board, and, we are sure, of all our members who know him, was the re-election of Dr. G. M. Geldert as our President.

"Doc" is one of those "rara avis" that societies such as ours try to find and very rarely do, a president with practically every quality a president should have but rarely has. We were somewhat doubtful for a while that he would agree to serve for another year but he did, to everyone's delight.

Mrs. Geldert came along with him and attended her first important function of the Society, and it is not too much to say that she captured the hearts of all who met her.

With Mrs. Geldert (from Inverness) and Sir George Williamson, President of the Canadian Philatelic Society of Great Britain, from Aberdeen, and several others, including Ed Berry, of Ottawa, the Scottish accent was very much to be heard. This bonnie lassie and these braw laddies were much in evidence and to your editor, as a native of the country of the Auld Alliance, it was a treat to hear the soft burr from beyond the Tweed. To heck with those Sassenachs!!



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