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The Editor Speaks Out . . . .

THE announcement on another page to the effect that the magnificent collection of Great Britain gathered together by Reginald M. Phillips, of Brighton, England, has been donated by its owner, together with a gift of £50,000 in cash, for the purpose of establishing a Postal Museum, will no doubt be of great interest to our readers.

We note in the announcement that a part of the General Post Office Building is being arranged to house this wonderful collection, and also the Post Office's own collection of postage stamps.

No doubt this collection of the British Post Office includes the find that was made during the war in some obscure corner of the Mount Pleasant division after a heavy bombing, of a large quantity of stamps, mostly presented to the P.O. around 1850/1870 by other coutries. We heard at the time that this find included complete sheets of some of the greatest rarities! We never really heard the whole of that story and we hope that these lines catch the eye of some prominent official of the P.O. (the Post Office Library subscribes to our C.P.!) who may perhaps send us a story with more details than were available at the time.

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The story on another page on the village of Toronto, county Durham, in England, will arouse the interest of many of our members, from Toronto and elsewhere.

Don't all hasten now to write to Mr. Higginbottom, the Postmaster, as we did this right away and, to our great regret, he informed us that all Toronto mail was picked up and cancelled by the Bishop Auckland P.O. and that, after enquiry to his supervisor in that place, he was not allowed to cancel any letters from his village. However, to make up for this decision, he sent us a sixpenny postal order, bearing the circular date stamp of the P.O., which was very kind of him and which we appreciated very much.

What arouses our ire though, is that we tried to find the place on a road map of the North of England and discovered that we must have passed within a couple of miles of the place without suspecting its existence.

Incidentally, we made another discovery. Some ten miles to the north of Toronto, there is a little place with the name of QUEBEC—and we are now wondering how it ever got that name! There must be a story behind it and we hope to dig it out before long, unless one of our readers already has it and is disposed to send it to us!

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From the active secretary of the Edmonton Stamp Club, Ernie Christensen, we hear, that one of our members, Mr. H. F. Bardwell, of Sarnia, Ont., is the designer of the new space stamp which is to appear later in the year. Congratulations, Mr. Bardwell! We are looking forward to seeing it soon.

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One of the things which particularly pleased us at Halifax was the number of members who came not only from Quebec and Ontario, but also from the West and the United States. We were not surprised to see Bill Pollitz and a goodly number of others from Boston, but to see Jack Siverts come along, as usual, all the way from Wilmington, Del. was indeed a pleasure.

We were particularly glad to see Stuart and Mrs. Johnstone from Vancouver and Art McIntyre from Edmonton, looking quite cheerful in spite of the sad occurrences in his family circle during the past year or so.

It was good to see also Collins Baugild and Mrs. Baugild, looking just as cheerful as when we first met them in '56. Collins, George Thompson and Eric Tizard worked like Trojans and seemed to be here, there and everywhere, but what a job they did.

It certainly was one of the most en-

joyable conventions we have attended and we think that all who were there were of the same opinion.

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Dr. Geldert announced two new Fellows of the Royal Philatelic Society of Canada, as reported on another page.

However, we feel that we must put in a word on our two new Fellows, Norman Boyd, of Windsor, and Alan McKanna, of Toronto.

Quite apart from their philatelic interest, which is profound in both cases, we must stress the efforts both these Fellows have put in on behalf of the Society. We have worked together now for some twelve years and both have worked as hard as any for the RPSC. If THE CANADIAN PHILATELIST is today showing a good measure of acceptance, a large part of the credit therefor must go to the extremely valuable help given to the Editor by both Norman Boyd and Alan McKanna. At all times, their counsel and help have been both sound and timely. Workers of that calibre are unfortunately not found every day and we sincerely hope that their election as Fellows of the Society will not mean a slackening of their efforts and interest.

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GOLD and SILVER Medals

C. M. Jephcott, Toronto, Pence Issues of Canada, and Provinces.

M. Rasic, Toronto, Classic issues of Serbia.

SILVER-GILT Medals

J. Watson Yuile, Montreal, Early issues of Nevis.

The Postal History of Nova Scotia and New Brunswick 1854-1867, by C. M. Jephcott, V. G. Greene and J. H. M. Young (Publishers, Sissons Publications, Ltd.)

SILVER Medals

H. Sutherland, Toronto, Local Issues of Chinese Treaty Ports on Cover.

EESTI, Illustrated Specialized Catalogue of Estonia, by V. Eichenthal (Publishers, The Philatelic Specialists Society of Canada, Toronto)

SILVER-BRONZE Medal

W. J. Banks, Toronto, Classic Issues of Denmark.

BRONZE Medals

A. H. Hinrichs, Niagara-on-the-Lake, Indian Postal Rates.

H. Dubé, Toronto, Disinfected Mail.

Two noteworthy items were indicated to us by Harry Sutherland, one of our Directors, who was present at this great Exhibition and furnished us with this report:

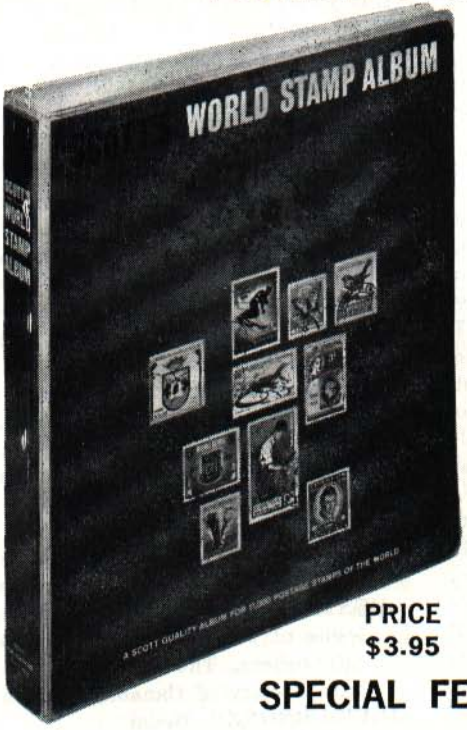
1. There were five thousand frames of superlative material.
2. By the end of the fourth day, the attendance had exceeded 100,000 and the Exhibition catalogues were sold out completely.

A special mention should be made of the Canadian Commissioner to WIPA W. H. P. Maresch, Toronto, for getting

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22nd	**OTTAWA** **Chateau Laurier**	**23rd**
23rd	**MONTREAL** **Mount Royal Hotel**	**25th**

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The magnificent collection of the stamps of Great Britain formed by Reginald M. Phillips of Brighton was last week (April 2) handed over by him to the Postmaster General, the Rt. Hon. Anthony Wedgwood Benn, M.P., for the purpose of carrying out his proposal for establishing a National Postal Museum. The collection is valued at £275,000 and a cash gift of £50,000 was also made for the purpose of establishing the museum.

The collection is the most comprehensive collection of 19th. century British postage stamps in existence and has taken nearly 40 years to build up. It comprises of some 2,500 album sheets in 46 volumes and contains many of the finest pieces from, among others, the Dendy-Marshall, Bertram McGowan, J. B. Seymour, H. C. V. Adams, W. Sugden and Maurice Burrus collections. All the time he was improving the condition, replacing good specimens by better ones, writing up the story behind the various pieces so that it now tells in an incomparable way the history of the origins and development of British postage stamps.

The collection was awarded the Grand Prix at the London International Exhibition in 1960 by unanimous vote of the Jury. This was the only occasion that part of the collection was shown to the public.

Part of the London General Post Office building in King Edward St. in the City is being turned into a Museum to house both the R. M. Phillips Collection and the Post Office's own collection of postage stamps. Until it is ready arrangements are being made to show selected pieces from the collection in a special exhibition room which will be opened early next year.

—A. H. C.

Great Success Of Halifax Convention

By A. H. CHRISTENSEN, RPSC 4661

The 37th annual convention of the Royal Philatelic Society of Canada, under the distinguished patronage of H. E. General Georges P. Vanier, D.S.O., M.C., C.D., Governor General of Canada, was held at the Nova Scotian Hotel, Halifax, May 13 to 15, with the Nova Scotia Stamp Club as hosts. It was concluded by the banquet on Saturday evening at which Hon. R. L. Stanfield, Q.C., Premier of Nova Scotia, was the guest of honor.

The warm welcome and splendid hospitality extended to the members of the Society, will long be remembered. Members were privileged to see a splendid showing of stamps both in the Maritime Exhibition and in the Court of Honor. Members came from as far away as the Pacific Coast and Great Britain and from many points across Canada and the United States.

The exhibition "HALPEX 1965" was under the distinguished patronage of Hon. H. P. MacKeen, C.D., Q.C., Lieutenant Governor of Nova Scotia; the Hon. R. L. Stanfield, Q.C., Premier of Nova Scotia and His Worship Charles A. Vaughan, Mayor of Halifax.

The General Chairman was Dr. Henry Hicks, Q.C., President of Dalhousie University and the Chairman of the Programme, Finance and Bourse Committee was Eric P. Tizard, President of the Nova Scotia Stamp Club.

The Exhibits Committee consisted of G. Collins Baugild, Chairman, Dr. J. J. MacDonald, Dr. W. A. Gyorfi, Dr. J. E. Hiltz, F/L R. B. Burton, Samuel A. Babb, Ross H. Baker, A. F. Smith and Capt. R. B. Mitchell. The Court of Honour was under the chairmanship of Colin H. Bayley, assisted by G. C. Baugild and John Inglis. Press and Publicity were under the direction of George H. Thompson, with A. H. Christensen. Mrs. Francis Hill (chairman), Mrs. Thelma Davis, Annabel MacEachren and Alice McLearn, were the Ladies' Committee.

SPECIAL POST OFFICE OFFICIALLY OPENED

The convention opened Thursday when M. D. O'Brien, District Director of Postal Service for Nova Scotia, officially opened the special post office at the exhibition.

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The Canada Post Office had on display six frames of Canadian stamps namely the 5c. and 15c. U.P.U., the 10c. Eskimo, the 3c. Borden, the 4c. Royal Visit, and the 5c. Dollard des Ormeaux, showing proofs, essays and other relative material. Films were also shown during the convention by the department and by the United Nations Postal Administration.

There was a good bourse. Dealers holding tables included L. A. Davenport (Toronto), R. M. Lamb (Kitchener), W. Murray Hall (Ottawa), W. T. Pollitz (Boston), Scotia Stamp Studio (Halifax), Bernard Scott (Halifax), G. S. Wegg (Toronto), Harry F. Williams (Halifax) and Henri Gauthier, Ottawa, Director of Sales, R.P.S.C.

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The exhibition was officially opened by His Worship Charles A. Vaughan, Mayor of Halifax. It was under the honorary chairmanship of Fred Jarrett, R.D.P., F.R.P.S.C., F.C.P.S., Toronto.

There was also a court of honor with pronounced strength in B.N.A. material from the collections of Dr. G. M. Geldert, W. E. Lea, Fred Jarrett, Stuart Johnstone, G. E. Wellburn, V. G. Greene, Dr. Henry D. Hicks, Horace Harrison, James Law and C. A. Kemp. There were also exhibits of other countries by Dr. Henry D. Hicks (Bermuda), W. J. Banks (Denmark), E. D. Berry (Great Britain), A. H. Christensen (Norway) and D. W. Kuehner (Bavaria). There were no less than five copies of the 12d. Black on display, one on cover shown by Dr. Geldert and a pair and two singles from Mr. Lea's collection.

The Royal Philatelic Society of Canada's reception took place in the evening when the president and Mrs. Geldert, and the directors, welcomed members and friends.

PHILATELIC SYMPOSIUM

On Friday a philatelic symposium took place in the morning commencing with a most interesting address by Charles Worthen of Ottawa, vice-president of the Canadian Bank Note Co. Ltd., on the "Production of Canadian Stamps." This was followed by J. N. Sissons of Toronto who spoke on the "Trials and Tribulations of an Auctioneer." Dr. Alfred Whitehead, F.C.P.S., of Amherst, N.S., gave an interesting address on "Squared Circles" and the symposium was concluded by a fascinating talk on Bermuda by Dr. Henry D. Hicks.

CITY OF HALIFAX LUNCHEON

The City of Halifax gave a delightful luncheon at the hotel in honor of the



Visiting Dalhousie University at Halifax: L. to R.—Dr. G. M. Geldert, President; A. H. Christensen, Vice-President; V. G. Greene; Mrs. G. M. Geldert; Mrs. L. Davenport; J. N. Sissons; Dr. H. D. Hicks, President of the University and General Chairman of the Convention. (Photo A. W. McIntyre)

THE CANADIAN TAGGED STAMPS

Over in England there is an astute commentator writing on philatelic values under the name "Philatelia" in the well known publication "The Philatelic Magazine" with the heading CANADIAN PHOSPHORS COULD HIT THE JACKPOT, he writes:

> *Tipping Canada doesn't require much brain-exercise by any philatelic columnist. Canada is gold plated as a philatelic investment . . . But getting around as I do I'm amazed to see how many chaps are permitting some ugly gaps in a range of cheap stamps.*
>
> *I refer to the phosphor-banded stamps which appeared in 1962 and which some of my friends have totally ignored. I suppose they are just waiting for the price to go up, so that they can pay more for them!*

As far as the 1962 Canada Tagged stamps are concerned, (by the way these are the very first tagged stamps in the Western Hemisphere) one can only say amen to this and don't worry about them not hitting any jackpot, just try and find them, that is all.

We do believe that on this side many serious collectors of Canadian stamps saw to it that the Tagged stamps were not passed up but there are also very many who for one reason or another put off acquiring these most interesting varieties. One reason that was given to us was the rather extraordinary excuse "the catalogs will not list them." Here we have officially issued stamps that were issued in the millions but they don't exist until a catalog says they do! Well a general catalog does have a reasonable excuse; it can't list everything due to lack of space but rest assured no specialized catalog dealing with Canadian stamps will ever dare omit the Tagged stamps. If it did, it would be sadly incomplete and a futile sort of guide to buy and follow.

1962 is a long way off. The stamps were in use, constant use! Along came 1963 and a new tagged set and 1962 Tagged vanished forever. Meanwhile inertia played its part so well that we now seriously doubt that there is in existence a complete set of panes of 100 each, all values 1c to 5c. How do you like that for a jackpot of a situation? We ourselves got caught short of the 2c and 5c mint. Used up thousands on mail or sold them to other postal users even at a discount, mind you, to get rid of them (we were buying panes in order to get the plate blocks). The day of awakening came when all at once all sources were sold out and we checked our stock and found only a few tag ends.

We urgently need the 2c and 5c mint but from experience we know also what this means: advertise from now till doomsday and no one will have any for sale. Show the slightest buying interest and when it comes to Canadian stamps, holders if any, promptly padlock whatever they have.

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members present of the Royal Philatelic Society of Canada, the British North America Philatelic Society and the Canadian Philatelic Society of Great Britain, when Deputy Mayor Donald LeBlanc welcomed those attending the convention to the city. During the luncheon the "Jolly Tar Halifax Press Gang" provided a colourful interlude and awarded "Certificates of Impressment" to Dr. Geldert and Fred Jarrett.

In the afternoon W. E. Lea, F.C.P.S. of London, England, gave a wonderful talk on the Pence and 1859 cents issues of Canada. This he illustrated by placing on display pages from his collection.

Space does not allow more than a very brief description of this most interesting address or details of the many choice and rare items that the members were privileged to see. These included the four 12d. Blacks previously referred to, a block of the 3d. Beaver on laid paper, a block of four of the 10d., one of two known, and a strip of four of the 10d. on cover which is the largest known multiple of this stamp on cover. He was warmly thanked by Dr. Hicks for giving those present the opportunity of seeing his collection.

Buses, by courtesy of Acadian Lines Ltd., left immediately after for a lovely drive to Peggy's Cove and then along the coast to the Shore Club at Hubbards where a lobster supper was provided by Col. Sidney C. Oland of Halifax. His son Victor Oland and his wife received the guests and the delightful evening was a splendid ending to a day of real philatelic enjoyment.

The annual general meeting of the Royal Philatelic Society of Canada was held on Saturday and was followed by a sightseeing tour of the city Halifax by courtesy of Acadian Lines Ltd. which took the delegates to points of local interest including a visit to Keith Hall at the Oland's Keith Brewery, the oldest operating brewery in Canada; and to Dalhousie University where they were received by Dr. Henry D. Hicks and invited to sign the visitors book in the senate room. Tours of the city had also been arranged for the ladies on the two previous days to shopping centres and other places of interest.

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The annual banquet concluded this most successful convention. The head table was led in by a Highland piper. Dr. Geldert introduced the guest of honor Hon. R. L. Stanfield, Q.C., Premier of Nova Scotia, who welcomed the members of the society to Nova Scotia with a special word of welcome to those from the United States. At the conclusion of his address he presented membership certificates in the "Nova Scotia Order of the Good Time" to Dr. G. M. Geldert, A. H. Christensen, L. M. Lamouroux, W. E. Lea, Stuart Johnstone, Walter Anderson, Charles Worthen and J. N. Sissons.

In thanking the premier, Dr. Geldert expressed the Society's thanks to all those who had contributed so much to the success of the convention with a special word of thanks to Col. Oland, who with Mrs. Oland was present at

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the dinner. He also personally thanked Dr. Henry D. Hicks, Eric Tizard, George Thompson and G. Collins Baugild for the grand job they had done in arranging such a splendid convention and exhibition.

NEW FELLOWSHIPS AWARDED

Dr. Geldert then announced that two new fellowships in the Royal Philatelic Society of Canada were being awarded this year to Dr. Norman O. Boyd of Windsor, Ont. and to Alan G. McKanna of Toronto.

Hon. René Tremblay, P.C., M.P., Postmaster General, was unable to be present owing to illness and was represented by B. M. Erb of Ottawa. Mr. Erb expressed the postmaster general's regrets at being unable to be present at the banquet and then announced the Canada Post Office's 1966 stamp issuing program as follows:

CANADA'S STAMP PROGRAMME FOR 1966

Floral Emblems stamps for Alberta and Saskatchewan Jan. 19; Newfoundland Feb. 23; and for the Yukon and the North West Territories March 23. Commemoratives to mark the 300th anniversary of the arrival in Canada of De La Salle, April 20; the Peaceful Uses of Atomic Energy, July 20; the centennial of the London Conference which led to Confederation, Sept. 7; and two Christmas stamps of 3c. and 5c. denominations in stamps of medium size and in an interesting design; also Highway Safety Stamp, May 18.

Mr. Erb also stated that there would be a new general issue in 1967 of twelve values from 1c. to $1. to replace the present series.

The toast to the ladies was proposed by V. G. Greene, R.D.P., F.R.P.S.C., F.R.P.S.L. of Toronto, who on their behalf thanked Mr. Tizard for the lovely bouquets and corsages that he kindly provided to those attending the convention.

Dr. Hicks then introduced the guest speaker Stuart Johnstone, F.R.P.S.C., F.R.P.S.L. of Vancouver and in the course of his speech thanked the Royal Philatelic Society of Canada for coming to Halifax for their convention and thus stimulating interest in philately in the Maritime Provinces Mr. Johnstone said that this was one of the most enjoyable conventions that he had ever attended and in an amusing speech mentioned many happy philatelic memories since he started stamp collecting as a boy in Scotland and reminisced from his long experience to show the great fun there is in stamp collecting. Stating that he was not very happy about the public image of the hobby, he appealed to collectors to adopt a more generous, friendly attitude, with less stress on the financial aspect in their trading. He also urged dealers to pay more attention to ethics. He was warmly thanked by Mr. Tizard.

SOCIETY MEDALS WINNERS ANNOUNCED

Fred Jarrett the honorary chairman of the Maritime Exhibition then announced the names of the winners of the society's medals. Gold Medals were presented to G. Collins Baugild (Halifax) for his showing of Nova Scotia, British Columbia and New Brunswick; Dr. J. E. Hiltz (Kentville, N.S.) for Danish West Indies and to R. F. Gardner (Halifax) for Europe and Possessions.

Silver Medals were presented to Dr. J. J. MacDonald (Antigonish, N.S.) Canada Large Queens, Dr. A. W. Gyorfi (Sydney, N.S.) Canada; Dr. J. J. MacDonald (Antigonish, N.S.) Canada, Registered; Earle L. Pigott (Kentville, N.S.) Newfoundland revenues; Col. S. C. Oland (Halifax) Vatican City and Dr. L. W. Fluck (Halifax) South Africa postal history.

Bronze Medals were awarded to: E. P. Tizard (Halifax) Canada; David E. Ells (Greenwood, N.S.) Canada; Cpl. G. A. MacKenzie (Greenwood, N.S.) Canada: E. P. Tizard (Halifax) Newfoundland; F. L. Robert Burton (Aylesford, N.S.) Canadian stampless covers; Capt. R. Featherstone, M. B. E. (Dartmouth, N.S.) Stampless covers; Edward A. Capstick (Glace Bay, N.S.) Canadian Precancels; R. M. Richardson (Windsor, N S.) Envelopes; Rolf Sears (Antigonish, N.S.) Latvia; Hans Noges (Halifax) Estonia; Cpl. G. A. MacKenzie (Greenwood, N.S.) Topicals, Birds; John Forbes Jr. (Antigonish, N.S.) Topicals, Cyprus designs; and Walter Horne, Topicals, Religion on stamps.

Dr. Geldert then announced the winners of the silver salvers he had personally presented for the best entries shown by members of the Nova Scotia Stamp Club, the Truro Stamp Club, the Greenwood Stamp Club and the Sydney Stamp Club. These were won by C. Collins Baugild, Dr. J. J. MacDonald, Cpl. G. A. MacKenzie and Dr. A. W. Gyorfi

The judges were V. G. Greene (chairman), C. A. Westhaver, president of the British North America Philatelic Society, and Fred Jarrett.

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Two B.W.I. Cards

SOME JAMAICA PRIMITIVES

COLIN H. BAYLEY, RPSC 3559

One of the important outcomes of the establishment of the Universal Postal Union (UPU) in 1874 was the introduction of "postcards", carrying an impressed stamp, for use in various specified areas within the territories which were members of the UPU. Thus there were cards for local use, within a town or city, or within a country or outside a country. These early cards, and related postal stationery items such as wrappers and envelopes, reflect the changes in postal rates during the latter part of the last century and they were keenly collected during this period. However, for some obscure reason, the collection of postal stationery seems to have languished during the first half of the twentieth century due possibly to the fact that after World War I, the standard catalogues no longer listed them. However, there has been some evidence of a revival in recent years and certainly such a revival is long overdue. There is still a fair amount of the older material around, much of it extremely attractive and in a surprisingly good state of preservation.

In the B.W.I., Jamaica was one of the first colonies to use postcards and in April 1877 the Postmaster was authorized to issue "postcards with Impressed Stamp denoting their face value", the rates being half penny for town delivery and one penny for conveyance any distance within the colony. There was also provision for three-penny postcards for use to any country within the UPU.

Two issues of provisional cards were put out by the Jamaica Post Office.

The first of these issues, which appeared during the early part of 1877, was printed in the Penitentiary at Kingston by the "sleek and fat" convicts, as they were called by the **Colonial Standard** of Kingston. They were typographed in blue-black or black ink on cards of varying thickness, the inscription being in three lines (Fig. 1) comprising the words "POST CARD" separated by the Arms and Supporters of Great Britain, in the second line the word "JAMAICA" in serifed capitals and beneath this the instruction regarding the address. The card was enclosed within a frame consisting of lozenges between two straight lines. The size of the frame is 113 x 68 mm.



Fig. 1 — Issue I, "Lozenge" Type of Border, half-penny card used in Kingston. Other values: one- and three-penny.

The franking stamp was in red consisting of a 25 mm circle struck usually in the upper right corner and containing the words "JAMAICA" curved at the top, the date and the word "PAID" at the centre and the value curved below. In many instances the impressions are faint and sometimes occur on various parts of the card and even inverted. The three values were half-, one and three-penny, to serve the needs referred to above.

When the supply of regular UPU cards arrived from England at the end of 1877, the requirements of collectors, stamp dealers and the general public were so great that the supply was soon exhausted and a second issue of provi-

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sional cards was necessary. These were printed under the direction of Mr. George Henderson, the Government Printer. These are typographed as before in three lines of print, but the Arms and words are clearer. The franking stamp is in red, as before, the rest of the printing being in blue or blue-black. The border differs from that of Issue I, consisting of an ornamental floriate pattern.



Fig. 2 — Issue II, "Floriate" Type of Border, three-penny card for use outside Jamaica. Other values: half- and one-penny.

There are several sub-types of Issue II and these make an interesting study where sufficient material can be accumulated. The size of the frame varies from 106½ x 72 mm to 111 x 72 mm. There are numerous constant varieties in the positions of the ornaments. This issue is printed on cards of various thickness and shades, varying from heavy, and creamy to bluish to very light and yellowish. The card or paper in the latter variety carries a paper-maker's watermark consisting of a shield surmounting a scroll containing letters and below in double-lined Old English script the words "Antique - Parchment - Note Paper", in three lines.

Used copies of either issue of these cards are uncommon. It is interesting to note that many of those which were put through the post also carry the regular date stamp showing the town in which they were posted.

It is stated in the book **Jamaica, Its Postal History, Postal Stamps and Postmarks**; by Collett et al (published in London in 1928 by Stanley Gibbons Ltd.)

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THE CHEMISTRY OF STAMPS

By H. E. GUERTIN

The colour "changelings" often noted among the 3ct Small Queens issue of Canada (1872-97) have an interest for anyone curious about technical matters of postage stamps. The writer has heard the greats and the near-greats expound about the "oxidation" of the pigment of these stamps resulting in the darkening of the original colour.

Recently a shoe-box of stamps yielded a number of the colour changelings and permitted some semi-micro chemical analyses to be carried out. The degree of darkening of these changelings may be visualized from the fact that the original sorter included in error several of the 6ct brown stamps of the same issue. Many of the changelings were almost b l a c k. Sufficient damaged stamps of normal and of altered colour were separated to perform a few tests.

Partial chemical analysis of stamps:

	Normal colour	Changelings
Total ash (mineral matter)	9.68%	8.5%
Silica (SiO2) (based upon weight of ash)	18.9%	20.5%
Sulphate (SO4) (based upon weight of ash)	0.972%	2.19%
Sulphate (SO4) (based upon weight of paper)	0.094%	0.184%

It can be seen that there is about twice the amount of sulphur compound present in the off-coloured stamps. From the amount of silica found, it is surmised that the sizing or filler used on the stamp paper may have been China clay (magnesium silicate).

According to Boggs the pigment used for the printing of the 3ct Small Queens contained among others, Orange Mineral (containing red-lead), Patent Dryer which probably contained lead, Persian Red and Venetian Red (which both contained iron containing pigments). Now, lead compounds under certain conditions become lead sulphide (a black compound) when exposed to sulphur fumes, as may be illustrated by the darkening of white lead-containing paints in an industrial atmosphere. Iron sulphide (sub-carbonate) is brownish-black.

It seems likely that many of the changelings—judging from a number of entires obtained—were from mail stored in official fyles. It is probable that these fyles were often relegated to basements or other storage where fumes from coal-burning furnaces were common. As anyone knows who enjoyed stoking coal-burners, sulphur gases were one of the joys of the job. It is also probable that basement storage was often damp. Thus there existed a combination suitable for "sulphidation" of the stamp pigment, and this is supported by the analysis given above.

In confirmation of the sulphidation theory, it may be reported that, by an expensive and laborious process, many of these changelings were restored to normal colour by **oxidation.** Obviously oxidation had not occurred previously.

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that the total quantities of cards printed in the two provisional issues were:

Half-penny (urban use)	5,727
One-penny (inland)	16,228
Three-penny (UPU)	4,701



The HOLLOW TREE

By ED. RICHARDSON (R.P.S.C. 6991)
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#759—ALBERTA'S 1964 WIDELIFE LICENSE STAMPS

Last year the Province of Alberta issued a set of 12 different Wildlife Stamps, for use on their hunting and fishing certificates. We have seen only four of these, so these are the only ones on which we can report colors, but we do list below the entire issue:—

Resident Licenses

$2.00 green (red control no.)
Whitetail Deer
$2.00 black (red control no.)
Mule Deer
$2.50 blue (red control no.)
Bird Game
$5.00 red (black control no.)
Big Game
$5.00 — Spring Bear
$7.50 — Goat
$7.50 — Sheep, ¾ Curl

Non-Resident Licenses

$50.00 — Big Game

Alien, Non-Resident Licenses

$25.00 — Bird Game
$100.00 — Big Game

Non-Resident and Alien Non-Resident Licenses

$25.00 — White Tail Deer
$25.00 — Spring Bear

Those which we have seen are all of horizontal format. All have a design showing a forest and mountain scene, which is in a pale shade of the stamp colour. Thus the $2.50 Blue, showing the lettering in a bright blue, has a pale blue background. The control numbers are across the centre of stamp. At the base of the stamps are spaces where the certificate (license) number is written in, thus cancelling the stamp.

There is nothing to indicate the year, but we would expect that it would be necessary to issue a new issue each year. We would be very pleased if RPSC members would write us regarding colours of the remaining issues, and as to whether a new issue has appeared for 1965.

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#760—SPRINGER'S BNA FANTASIES — 3rd EDITION

Sherwood Springer has come up with his third edition of his Catalogue of "U.S.A. TAXPAIDS, B.N.A. FANTASIES and M. & M. FACSIMILES". This is a 40-page catalogue of non- Scott items. Starting with a 16-page 1st edition, jumping to 28 pages in his second, and now to 40 pages Springer has successfully been bringing more and more of this material under the coverage of his booklet.

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We recommend this handbook highly to **everyone** collecting **any BNA** material at all. The price of only $1.00 (US), makes it a "steal". It is a quality production, full of illustrations, on good quality paper. They may be obtained directly from the publisher, Sherwood Springer, 6719 Seventh Ave., Los Angeles 43, Calif. You will be glad you did!

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#761—SOME NOTES ON YUKON TERRITORIAL COVERS

These covers have been gaining in popularity over the past few years, due

mainly to a growing number of collectors who are turning their attention at anything related to "Arctic Philately". Also these recent years have seen a number of fine handbooks come off the philatelic presses devoted to the postal history of these regions.

We believe that the collection of Territorial covers from the Yukon prior to World War I can be a most interesting field of study. We have never been too successful in obtaining too many examples of these for our own collection, but we have garnered a few. We have even added a few examples of the later periods, which are generally not too plentiful.

We are always rather disturbed with the ignorance of geography exhibited by many collectors and dealers, including auctioneers. All too often they forget that the Yukon Territory is **Canadian!** Many times I find a fine Dawson City cover listed in the US sections, under Alaskan materials!

I rather suspect that Canadian collectors have not yet realized the potential possibilities of Yukon Territory covers. But rest assured they are being fast gobbled up by Canadian fans "south of the border"!

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#762—MANITOBA SEARCH FEE STAMP DISCOVERY

John Siverts, of Wilmington, Delaware, has discovered a most interesting new variety of Manitoba Search Fee stamps. As most collectors of BNA Revenues know, there have long been listed, two Search Fee stamps. These are listed by Sissons as R112 — the 1931 50c. dark red, rouletted, and as R113 — the 1950 bright red, rouletted.

The discovery is a 25c. bright red, **Perforated** 11 ¾. It bears the Provincial Secretary's handstamp cancel dated Feb. 16, 1928, which predates the 50c. issues. It is printed on white wove paper with a very distinct weave, somewhat similar to the paper of the 1930 issue. The basic design is similar to the 50c. issues, however the letters "PROVINCIAL / SECRETARY" appear to be somewhat taller than in either of the 50c.

We understand this new value will be listed in the next edition of Sissons BNA Revenues.

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#763—ESSAYS FOR CANADIAN COAT-OF-ARMS ISSUE?

Bart Bartlett of Richmond, Va. recently showed to me a couple of items which have aroused my curiosity. One of these is a vertical tête-bêche pair, printed in black on white wove, gummed paper. The "stamp" is somewhat larger than normal stamp size, and is imperforate. The design has "CANADA" in shaded letters across the top, and "Postage Postes / Cinq Five" in two lines in bottom panel with the figure "5". The main, or central design is the complete Canadian Coat-of-Arms. They appear to be lithographed.

The other pair is similar except that it is printed on deep vermilion paper.



Can anyone give me further information regarding these?

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#764—1963 5c. ENVELOPE DOUBLE PRINT

Mr. G. E. Gaudette of Riverview, Mich. has shown me a "xerox" print of a small size 5c. envelope of 1963 (the last of the upright designs), showing a double print. In this case the second print is much lighter, downward to the right.

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#765—2c. CARMINE ADMIRAL TETE-BECHE

Recently I added to my Admiral collection an interesting freak. It is a single of the 2c carmine Admiral issue, with portion of the next stamp showing. This in itself is not too interesting, but the portion of the samp showing at right **is tête-bêche to the single!** This means it was from a booklet pane that was off-centre horizontally.

I previously had a complete booklet containing one pane of this same stamp showing a large portion of the next pane at the bottom. This is interesting since it shows the wider gutter between panes. The above single however is the first example I have had of the tête-bêche variety in this stamp.

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#766—STAMPS ON SOUVENIR CARDS HANDSTAMPED (?) "SPECIMEN"

I understand that beginning with Series #5 of the special Souvenir Cards or folders, prepared by the Post Office Dept., there were a number on which all the stamps were overprinted or handstamped "SPECIMEN". According to my information the cards so overprinted were for putting on the bulletin boards in the local post offices. The "SPECIMEN" overprints I have seen all slope downward to the right, and run off the stamp, thus tying the stamp to the card. Those which I have seen so far are:—

5c. Victoria	5c. Colombo
5c. Red River	5c. Highway

I have not yet seen a full card so overprinted, — only the four stamps which are listed above, and which were removed from such a card.

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#767—SOUVENIR CARD STAMPS WITH MOON CANCELS

Recently I obtained some examples of the #2 Souvenir Card with all the stamps cancelled with "MOON" Cancels! Not only were they so cancelled, but with different towns. The ten stamps bear cancels from 4 diff. P.E.I. post offices, 4 diff. from New Brunswick, and one each from Saskatchewan and British Columbia.

While these would be quite scarce in such used condition I imagine the Post Office Dept. would frown on the practice.

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#768—"O.H.M.S." FORGERIES

While I believe these appeared some seven years ago or more, it was only recently that I came upon them. It is very possible that a good many other values were also so forged but the values I have seen are:—

10c. Peace	20c. Peace
14c. Peace	7c. Goose-Air

All examples seen are Used copies. The forgery is exceptionally good, and might easily fool the novice. However close study will quickly show that **none** of the four letters are like those in the genuine.

"One Pound Jimmy" Dies



The Australian aboriginal who modelled for the 8½d. and 2s.6d. stamps bearing his portrait died recently at an uncertain age, but something over 70. "One Pound Jimmy" earned his nickname from his invariable reply when asked to quote a price for a job: "One pound, boss".

His tribal name was Gwoja Jungarai, and he was a member of the Wailbri tribe of the Central Region of Narwietoma. Less than two years ago he was still active on "walk-about" with his three camels.

(Courtesy STAMP COLLECTING)

The Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting of the Society was held on the 15th May at the Nova Scotian Hotel in Halifax, with the President, Dr. G. M. Geldert, in the Chair. He expressed the Society's deep appreciation for the warm welcome given by the Province of Nova Scotia and the City of Halifax and sincerely thanked the Nova Scotia Stamp Club which, with the co-operation of the other clubs in the Maritimes, had staged such a successful exhibition. Dr. Geldert emphasized that those who do not attend the Society's conventions are missing one of the great advantages of membership.

The Secretary, Walter F. Anderson, reported that the membership of the Society stood at 1,548 members at this date with a total of 55 chapters.

The Treasurer's (A. G. McKanna) Report and Financial Statement appeared in the last issue of THE CANADIAN PHILATELIST.

The Editor, L. M. Lamouroux, reporting on the Canadian Philatelist, expressed his great satisfaction at having been able to keep the cost down to a very low figure per capita, but he pointed out that this was only due to the great work done by the President, Dr. Geldert, in obtaining advertising.

Henri Gauthier, the Director of Sales, presented his report.

Following the Meeting, the Board of Directors met and elected the directors and officers as shown on page 18.

YOUR MORNING SMILE

The owner of a small cross-roads store was appointed postmaster. Over six months went by and not one piece of mail left town. Deeply concerned, postal authorities in Ottawa wrote to the postmaster to inquire why.

His explanation was short and simple; "The bag ain't full yet."

(from Edmonton S. C. Bulletin)

H. E. Harris Wins Court Case Re Canal Zone Error

It is interesting to note that the Federal District Court at Washington D.C. has ruled in favour of Henry E. Harris in his suit to prevent the Canal Zone Postal authorities from deliberately reprinting more of the famous "bridgeless" Thatcher Ferry Bridge stamps.

It will be recalled that the Harris company discovered, among its supplies of the new stamp, a sheet of 50 stamps on which the bridge was entirely missing. When this was announced, the Canal Zone postal office decided that they would print "ample supplies" of the "error". This was just about the time when the U.S.A. Post Office had printed millions of the "Inverted Yellow" on the Dag Hammatskjold stamp in 1962, and Henry Harris, of the Harris Co. promptly sought an injunction against the Canal Zone authorities to prevent a similar reprinting.

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Have You Ever Been To Toronto? —

By ROBERT CRICHTON,
Editor of the Toronto Telegram

It isn't even on a road map. But nestled away atop a windswept ridge in the mining country of County Durham is a curious hamlet; an Old World community which takes its name from a New World metropolis.

Toronto, County Durham, is perhaps unique in all of Europe in this respect. Everywhere one travels in North America are found places which have taken their names from older communities in older lands—the Londons, the Zurichs, the Romes. And in Britain, too, there are the Joppas and the Bethsedas, adopted place names from the ancient world.

Although other North American place names, such as Montreal and Quebec, exist in the United Kingdom, they have been given to country seats and mansions by long gone owners who have wished to impress neighbors and friends with travels and service across the sea.

ROMAN

Toronto, however, is quite a different case. For it is the only **community** whose name has made the reverse trip from New to Old World.

Yet despite its name, Toronto, County Durham, is much, much older than its namesake.

According to local historians, the settlement dates back to Roman times, when the natives first built simple mud-and-wattle homes on the brow of a hill overlooking the onetime legionaries' encampment of Binchester.

First written record of the existence of a settlement on the site occurs in Bishop Hatfield's Survey, a form of local census taken about 1375.

The community at that time appears to have shifted slightly southward from the original site, toward Bishop Auckland, now a prosperous but dull industrial town of some 35,000 people more noted for producing top class amateur soccer teams than for its one tourist attraction, a medieval castle of little note. Bishop Auckland begins exactly one mile away by road, down a steep incline and across a tiny stream which bisects a green and rolling valley, from where Toronto ends.

Newton Cap, as Toronto was called at the time of Bishop Hatfield's records, consisted of "forty tenements (i.e., houses) and 72 parcels of land." It was officially a township in the parish of St. Andrew Auckland in the County Palatinate of Durham — quite a mouthful for such an insignificant spot. The ecclessiastical influence of the time is shown in the title.

When the Industrial Revolution surged through Britain, it brought new life to County Durham, with its coalfields, and Newton Cap was among the first to prosper. Late in the eighteenth century, it boasted of its own colliery, a cornmill, an inn and ten farms, as well as the miners' dwellings.

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COLONEL

Mine and land owner Mr. (or Colonel — no one now knows which for sure) Stobart (his first name, too, is long lost in the sands of time) went off on a vacation to Canada in the late 1840s. While he was visiting the then-new city of Toronto, he received the news that a new, rich vein of coal had been found at old Newton Cap. Delighted, he sent back word that the site was to be renamed Toronto Colliery to commemorate the occasion. Within months, the "colliery" part was dropped, and more mine workers moved to, now, Toronto.

land 69. Toronto has one schoolhouse and two churches — the Church of England's Church of St. Paul Toronto, which is served by the clergy of the ancient parish of St. Andrew Auckland, and the Primitive Methodist Chapel. It has two general stores, in one of which is the sub-postal station, and one service station.

The hamlet lies along the northeast side of the winding highway from Bishop Auckland to Crook Town, six miles away. The highway serves as Toronto's main street — Jubilee Street — and its only one. For although a few houses and the Methodist chapel are built along a road paralleling Jubilee Street for more than half a mile, this thorough-



Postmaster Frank Higgenbottom took over Toronto Post Office seven years ago.

Toronto's population — based solely on the prosperity of the one pit — increased gradually until the turn of the century, to about 1,200.

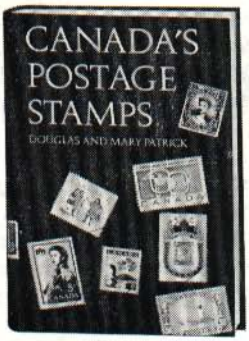
But the coal began to be worked out, and now, the pit closed for some years, the population has dwindled to just over 400 people who live in the hamlet's 160 houses.

Although it has its own sub-post office, Toronto is politically incorporated into Bishop Auckland. Its lone telephone box has the number Bishop Auckfare has no name. It is really a back lane.

Unlike its bigger namesake, this Toronto has no nightlife. Not even a pub. The only one closed about 12 years ago —for lack of business.

DREARY

Yet despite its somewhat dreary aspect, things could be much worse. For unlike some small centres, hard hit by Britain's longtime coal crisis, Toronto does not appear doomed, village postmaster Frank Higginbottom told me.



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Mr. Higginbottom, whose sister lives with her retired Royal Canadian Air Force husband in White Rock, B.C., said: "I'll be in business, anyway, as long as people fill in their football coupons to play the pools—and visitors like yourself want to get Toronto postmarks here in England."

Despite its size and the fact that it is not on the map (there are many smaller places such as, believe it or not, Philadelphia, County Durham, which has no post office, which can be located that way) it is not too surprising that in other ways, this other Toronto is virtually unknown.

For its history is very obscure. In these paragraphs, in fact, I have recorded ALL that is in the written records of the place. Only in two small history books in the local library at Bishop Auckland is there any mention of Toronto. The Bishop Auckland offices of the leading newspaper of the area, the Northern Echo, of Darlington, have no clippings whatsoever about the hamlet —the best the local editor could do was refer me to the library.

But this other Toronto does exist, unheralded and mostly forgotten. It exists because once, at least, it prospered, and people settled there.

(Courtesy **Toronto Telegram**)

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BALPEX 1965

BALPEX 1965

Our member Horace Harrison, of Baltimore, Md., who has given us so many good articles on Canadian stamps, informs us that the Baltimore Philatelic Society is holding its annual Convention and Exhibition on September 17-19 next, at the Emerson Hotel, in Baltimore.

Entries for the Exhibition close on the 15th August, and any former members of the R.P.S.C. will be welcomed.

For full details, drop a line to Horace W. Harrison, 2435 N. Charles St., Baltimore Maryland, 21218, who is the Entries Chairman for the Exhibition.

In conjunction with the Baltimore P.S. show, the American First Day Cover Society is holding its Annual Convention and Exhibition.

WIPA ..... from page 163

such a fine series of Canadian exhibits, so good in fact, that everyone received an award.

We are unable to get a complete list of Canadians who were present at WIPA, but we heard that Dr. C. M. Jephcott, V. G. Greene, H. Sutherland, J. Watson Yuile and Mlle Marguerite Fortin, of Québec, were there, at least.

There were others however and we hope to publish their names in our next issue, together with some of the principal awards.

Collecting Canadian Plate Blocks

by ALFRED W. NOWLAN, RPSC 8274

Among the most interesting and rewarding of all philatelic efforts is the collecting of the matched plate blocks of Canada. As any experienced collector knows, plate blocks are the corner sections of four, with the printers' inscription, of the large sheets as printed for the Post Office Department. When one considers that these sheets of six hundred stamps yield only one set of plate block positions it is readily seen that there is not likely to be a surplus of these plates.

In the early days of Canadian philately the collection of plate blocks was difficult and rather unsatisfactory due to the methods used to mark the plate inscriptions. However over the years there have been various changes and improvements until now Canada has the ideal set up for plate block collectors. Up until the reign of our present Monarch, plate blocks were sold in our post offices as just so many stamps. This method proved unsatisfactory and unfair to many collectors as many enterprising employees of our post offices bought and held large quantities of certain positions as an investment and this of course prevented other collectors from completing their sets. Besides this, there was also the problem that due to the methods used to cut and pad the large sheets into post office pads one area would end up with one or two positions while an area a hundred or so miles away would get the matching positions. As the interest in the collecting of these plates increased, the post office authorities were approached and have co-operated so that now these plates are not sent out to the various post offices but are stored in the Philatelic section of our post office at Ottawa. Now all collectors may order them at face with the stipulation that one, two and three cent denominations must be ordered in quantities of twenty for each position wanted while the four, five and eight cent denominations must be ordered in quantities of ten; however in the newer issues the ten, fifteen, twenty, fifty cent and dollar may be ordered in units of four for each position. In plates printed previous to 1958 other regulations apply.

Now as to what makes them so interesting. First, there is the time and effort required to track down the different positions coupled with the fact that there is always something new coming along to stimulate the interest in contrast to the collecting of single stamps of which there are only eight or nine per year if one collects Canadian stamps only.

Secondly, there is the monetary value which must be considered in the collecting of any item. Time comes when collections must be sold and who wants to spend a lifetime collecting and then to sell at a loss. This is certainly not the case in Canadian plate blocks, in fact when one considers the relatively small quantities printed and the growing problem of finding numerous positions it is reasonable to assume that many plates are underpriced and could be bought now for a nice profit later on in life.

Most novice collectors start out with the Elizabethan era and these indeed do make an attractive collection, however once this series has been completed and the interest is stimulated, it is challenging indeed to move on to the George VI issues and later to the previous monarchs. The pursuit of certain positions of the early Canadian plate blocks is a chore indeed and one in which many happy hours can be spent. Such a chore need not be costly, indeed it can be

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quite rewarding and profitable as surplus plates are traded with other collectors or sold off to finance the purchase of needed positions.

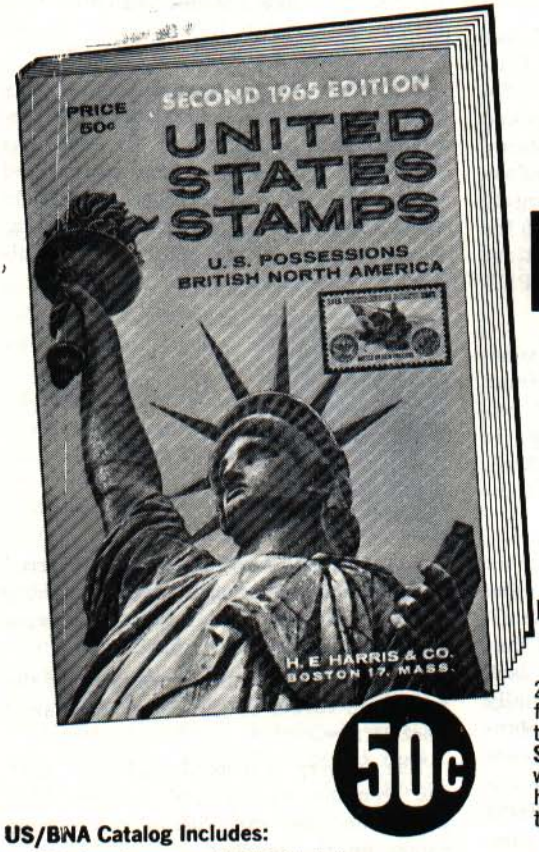
At the present time there has developed a situation where a number of plates in the Elizabethian series which could have been purchased at face over the past few years could be sold today at handsome profits, such plates would include the 5c. Seaway, the 15c. UPU, the recent 7c. airmail and others. Who knows when something more spectacular may come along. It is now obvious to most experienced collectors that certain plates in the Elizabeth series are going to be scarce due to premature plate wear and the discontinuance by the Post Office department of certain unneeded items.

It is amazing how many collectors dabble in foreign stamps, buy every issue available and ignore their own country and yet a collection of Canadian material can be sold at any time at a profit while in the sale of most foreign material one must suffer a loss in order to dispose of a collection. If you are not now a collector of Canadian plate blocks, start now while many are available at prices you can afford to pay, buy the current ones at face and reap the rewards in the years to come

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NOTE—The contents of this article may be expected to generate considerable discussion It is generally agreed that one of the great assets of philately is that it permits of the widest latitude in collecting practice. However, we feel that we must record our opinion that the financial benefits which Mr. Nowlan seems to visualize as accruing to the collector of modern plate blocks, are largely non-existent —certainly with respect to regular or commemorative issues. Nor can we agree that the collecting of foreign stamps inevitably leads to financial loss. —EDITOR.

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Two New Fellows Elected

Dr. G. M. Geldert, F.R.P.S.C., F.R.P.S.L., is pleased to announce the election of two new Fellows of the Society, Dr. Norman O. Boyd, of Windsor, Ont., and Alan G. McKanna, of Toronto.

Dr. Norman O. Boyd is one of our best-known members in Southern Ontario. He became a member of the Society in 1945 and is also a prominent and active member of the Windsor Y Stamp Club. He has always been a tremendous worker in the Society and was largely responsible for the great success of the several exhibitions and Conventions held in that city, including CANPEX 1962.

As a philatelist, he was an enthusiastic collector of Germany and German Colonies and had one of the finest collections in Canada of this group, in which he carried out extensive research. He is now very much interested in Canada Proofs and Essays.

Alan G. McKanna became a member of the Society in 1957 and came to the fore in 1958 when he criticized the financial statement of the Society of that year because of its confusion and lack of clarity. Contrary to what usually happens in such criticisms, he **volunteered (yes, that's the word! Ed.)** to set things right and he was promptly appointed Treasurer of the Society. From then on, in the hands of such a competent Chartered Accountant, the Society's Financial Statement have been models of clarity.

He proved to be a great organizer and played a major role in the success of CANPEX I in Windsor in 1962 and at Niagara Falls in 1963.

In the philatelic domain, he specializes in the stamps of France. His researches among the Sage and Sower issues of France have been extensive and his studies of the Sower issues are among the finest in the world.

He has had many other interests, but the Admiral issue of Canada and the first Post-Horns of Norway are the most noteworthy.

To both our New Fellows, our heartiest congratulations on a well-deserved recognition.

The One Shilling G.B. 1867-1880

This stamp was forged and due to the fact that all known copies were used at the Stock Exchange Telegraph Office in London and are postmarked with that office's date stamp, it is generally known as the "Stock Exchange Forgery".

All known copies bear a June or July 1872 date and the forgery was not discovered until 26 years later, in 1898. The forged stamps are on unwatermarked paper, perf. 14, and the check letters, in some cases, made impossible combinations, as even letters after T in the alphabet were used.



The Genuine Stamp

These check letters also appear blurred and the network on the band containing the central oval is not quite the same as in the genuine stamp.

All the known copies were used on the telegraph forms of the Stock Exchange Post Office.

The forgery is a good deal rarer than the genuine stamp and fetches high prices on the rare occasions a copy comes on the market.

This must be considered as a "perfect crime", as the author of this fraud on the Post Office was never discovered, although stringent investigations were made at the time the forgery was discovered.

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Excerpts From Mr. W. Lea's Remarks On The Early Issues

By A. W. McINTYRE,
RPSC LIFE MEMBER

Troy weight and mileage were combined factors in establishing 18th century letter rates in Canada, William E. Lea, of London, England, told philatelists in an address to the 37th Annual Convention of the Society at Halifax.

Mr. Lea, member of the RPSC and the B.P.A.'s expert committee, and a F.C.P.S., veteran collector and noted stamp dealer on the Strand, exhibited a large selection of his early stampless covers and postage stamps of Canada in the Court of Honour, by invitation. His address, entitled "Canada, 1763 to 1867" dealt with many historical aspects and was illustrated by the rare material in his display.

When Canada was ceded to Great Britain by France after the Treaty of Paris in 1763, the French left an established post road from Quebec to Three Rivers and Montreal. By an Act of 1710, the United Kingdom controlled colonial post offices and Benjamin Franklin, Postmaster General of the American Colonies, arranged weekly mail exchanges over 183 miles of road.

The war of Independence left Canada with four post offices, Berthier having been added by Franklin.

Interchange of mail between Canada became strained. In 1789, post offices were opened as far west as Kingston to serve loyal settlers who had left the American colonies and moved into Canada, and soon after a post office was opened at Niagara.

Mr. Lea included in his exhibit several pioneer letters from the N.W. Territories, some linked with the trading posts of the Hudson's Bay Company. Around the middle of the 19th century, one Alex Murray, who had emigrated from England to California in 1845 and turned northwards to join the Hudson's Bay Company, was sent from York Factory to Fort Simpson. His letters of April 1849 gave details of the building of Fort "Yucon" and his journeys, at a time when the "Yucon" river did not appear on contemporary maps.

This must have been a first dispatch of mail from the Yukon. In 1852, Murray was back at Fort Simpson and another letter of his sent home to England said Dr. Rae had just arrived from his Arctic search for Franklin. His letter of March 1852 bears the earliest known Sault Ste-Marie postmarking. Photostats of these letters have been secured by the Calgary Museum (See story on these Murray letters in THE CANADIAN PHILATELIST of Mar. - Apr and May - June, 1964).

Perkins, an expert New York engraver, had been secured for a London job to improve engraving there and reduce their problem arising from poor production of bank notes. Later he headed the Perkins, Bacon engraving firm which printed Britain's first stamp, the Penny Black.

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Sir Sanford Fleming, originator of Standard Time, designed Canada's first stamp, the Threepenny Beaver. This was also the world's first animal stamp! The stamps were supplied in 1851 at a cost of 20 cents per 1,000. However it was considered to be more appropriate to show the portrait of Queen Victoria and this was provided for on the higher values.

The London firm printed the Penny Black, but there are probably few in the United States (**and Canada! —Ed.**) who know that an American printed the world's first adhesive stamp.

The Twelvepenny Black is found on both wove and laid papers. Mr. Lea said that he did not have either the 12d or the 6d on thin wove paper.

From 1851 to 1968, all plates were of unhardened steel, which could be easily repaired.

The scarred die of the Twelvepenny has been used for proofs. These proofs were pulled in 1879 on instructions from the President of the Bank Note Company, Henry G. Goodall.

He drew attention to a change in colour that was ordered. In 1854 the Canadian Postmaster General had requested that green ink be used on an order for Tenpenny stamps bearing the portrait of Jacques Cartier, but the engravers contended that green ink did not produce suitable stamps and asked if blue would be acceptable.

On receiving an O.K. blue was used, but two years later green ink was used, apparently satisfactory, for the 7½d issue. With no evidence of any of the corrosion claimed earlier, it is hard to understand this change of attitude on the part of the engravers in two years.

Canadian stamps were first perforated in 1858. Two years earlier, the contractors had informed the Post Office that a perforator was not available. In the meantime, the New York Bank Note Company had amalgamated and one of the firms with which it had done so had a perforating machine. Whether this machine was copied or used as it was is not clear. It would only perforate 10 rows, so two were removed from the steel plate. Therefore sheets of the imperforate half-penny have 120 stamps, but the perforated sheets only had 100.

Because of the wide variety of papers used in Canada's stamps, Mr. Lea is of the opinion that paper suppliers were obtained by the printers from wholesalers of fine papers whenever required.

He showed for the first time a copy of the 1859 one cent stamp on laid paper, of which only four are known.

Of the 1859 issue, no less than nine repairs were made to the 5 cent plate, because nine states are known of the 5 cents.

Mr. Lea also showed and explained the genesis of the 1859 10 cent "double épaulettes" variety, #61, and also the #97 retouched variety, and the rare "burr-on-shoulder" variety of the 17 cent of this issue.

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A MOST SUCCESSFUL CONVENTION

Halifax is still there, the Royal convention has come and gone and it was a most delightful affair. Many of my friends said it was the most friendly convention they had ever attended. As a native Haligonian, I was very proud of the hospitality and warm-heartedness of our hosts. We were indeed fortunate to have such good friends in high places. That benign chap from the University did a splendid job of organization and his cohorts from the Nova Scotia Stamp Club should be congratulated for their tremendous efforts, which produced an outstanding auction, successful bourse and a court of Honor that gave one an almost reverent feeling. I met a lot of good friends and thanks to the generosity of a bachelor collector of Squared circles and Revenues from Wilmington, Del. who lent me his car, I was able to get down to the East shore to see some relatives. At the President's reception I met one of my wife's cousins who is President of the Truro Stamp Club, and several collectors from Massachusetts including the genial President of BNAPS. I was about ready for bed that evening, when that same Revenue collecting bachelor, the Treasurer of the BNAPS Revenue Study Group and a world-famous auctioneer from Toronto, came up to my room and proved to me that I was a dummy at bridge. My auctioneer partner had to pay for the cards. At the City of Halifax Luncheon, I met a chap from Debert, N.S. who turned out to be a brother of a friend who had lived in Arlington, Mass. One of the other fellows at the table had sort of a Santa Claus appearance and an effervescent personality, he gave a toast to the ladies somewhere along the line. That chap from London (England that is) kept a goodly number of us spellbound. Frankly he was way over my head and I think I enjoyed his accent more than his very accurate descriptions of the location of certain varieties on specific plates. That Colonel who owns the brewery is certainly an Ambassador of Good Will. How about that? Wasn't that lobster supper at Hubbards something? Even that piano player got into the spirit of things. I sat next to a Dr. from Ottawa, he puts a lot of initials after his name (FRPSL). I do not know what kind of doctoring he does, but he sure had himself a ball disecting that specimen of Homarus americanus. Pity his poor patients if he is an M.D. At the annual dinner it was nice to have the top-brass present and hear from the chap who sold our President the long-handled underwear. It would have been good public relations to have passed out samples. That fort or castle that the good-natured fellow from Toronto is supposed to have intrigued me. Why was a tour not arranged? Does it have a moat? If so, would that not be dangerous to a person who has a history of instability when near a body of water? My Revenue collection did not grow much, but I had lots of fun and met a lot of nice people. I did manage to pick up a cover from a Boston dealer who had a table at the bourse, it was marked $7.50. I paid him in American funds and he gave me back .75¢, so you see it paid me to go to Halifax to get that cover, which incidentally I do not need.

WALLACE B. MITCHELL,
Cambridge, Mass. RPSC 7827

VARIETY ON CURRENT 3c.

Sir:—Will you allow me space for a few observations on the present Canadian definitives.

Examination will show that the three cent value differs from the other four values with respect to the lines forming the hair at the nape of the Queen's neck.

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roll from which working dies were made for the other four values, was completed for the three cent value.

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The same situation is evident in the coils and booklet stamps.

B. FOSTER,
Port Arthur. RPSC 6079

CONFIRMATION OF NEVADA "IMPERFS."

Sir:—I have just received the latest CP and read Dr. Mercantini's letter regarding the commercial "imperf.".

My mother received earlier this year, from the magazine LIFE, a circular bearing the Nevada stamp. When she gave it to me, I was completely puzzled about this and wondered whether it was done purposely or for what reason.

So when I read Dr. Mercantini's letter, the mystery was solved and I wish to thank the doctor for his information about the stamp. I was on the point of writing to you about it.

Thank you for the information and I wish you every luck in the success of of our CP.

M. E. OLIVER (Miss),
Victoria RPSC 7105

ANOTHER INTERESTING COVER

Sir:—Noting your appeal for interesting items for "The Canadian Philatelist" I decided I would send along an item on the 1949 Halifax stamp.

Mr. Collins H. Baugild submitted a cover in the May-June issue which had been autographed by the descendent of the founder of Halifax.

The enclosed cover was autographed by Mr. Charles W. Jeffreys, R.C.A., LL.D. It will be remembered that Mr. Jeffreys painted the picture from which this stamp was designed.

It was purely coincidence that when this stamp was issued I discovered that Mr. Jeffreys was the uncle of a young lad working in our office in Toronto. I asked if he could arrange to have this cover signed and Mr. Jeffreys, then quite an elderly man, obliged. To the best of my knowledge, this was the only cover which was signed.

Needless to say, I consider this item one of great interest.

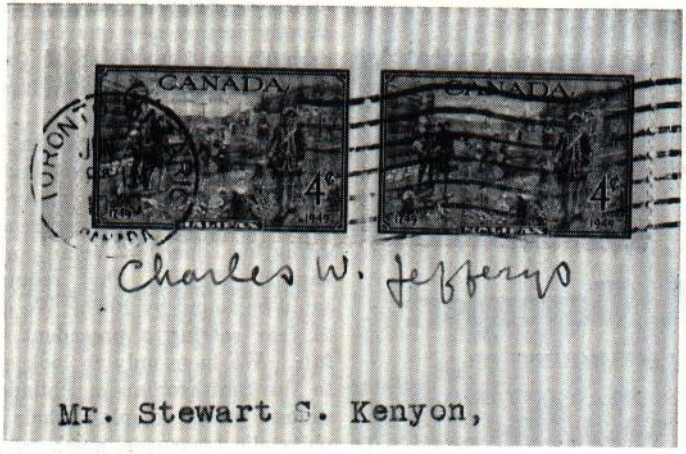
STEWART S. KENYON,
Edmonton RPSC 7534

MANITOBA FLOWER VARIETY

Sir:—I have noticed possibly three varieties in the recently issued Manitoba Flower stamp:

#1—A large brown dot on the back of the buffalo in stamp #3 of the lower left plate block.

#2—A purple dot above the left side of the middle crocus, two stamps to



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the right of the "spotted buffalo", or #8 in a strip of 10 stamps (U PB).

#3—A hump-backed 5 in stamp #3 of the LR PB. This probably a the LR PB. This is probably a freak. Has anyone else noticed any distorted 5's?

R. JEAN EAGLESHAM,
Woodstock, Ont. RPSC 7386

WHITHER 1967?

Dear Sir:—A topic which we hear a great deal about is the preparation for the 1967 Centennial. I am sure that my fellow members of this society are most anxious to make our National Birthday a truly memorable occasion. With this thought in mind, I would like to suggest two projects which would be a suitable and important contribution to this anniversary.

The first one would be the re-establishing of a permanent reference library (similar to the 1958 one). The need for such a philatelic library is obviously necessary if one considers how many collectors want to read important works, but are unable to do so because they either are not able to easily acquire the scarce items they are seeking, or cannot afford the high cost of building a suitable collection, of their own.

The second project (which has been talked about) is the 1967 or 8 Exhibition. Where it will be held and who will exhibit are details to be worked out. McGill's McCord museum (which will shortly occupy new quarters), could conceivably lend material of Canadian issues. But little publicity hampers such projects.

Furthermore, what is the Postal Department doing about setting up a permanent display of the many items collected over the years and now quietly gathering dust in some subterranean vault? Surely, the required space could be found by 1967. We do not need to fear setting a precedent in this affair. We have only to look south of us to the Smithsonian & Philadelphia museums which display their countries' philatelic treasures, much to the delight

of both old and young. Canada can do the same.

I am pleased to hear that a new series of twelve stamps are to be issued to commemorate this historic event. (Needless to say I am gratified to know that we can depend upon our Postmaster not to issue an umpteen set of multi-coloured pictorials including both perf., & imperf., souvenir sheets on wall paper?) Those countries that persistently dump their "creations" on our lap are doing far more harm to philately than either of the fads for sparkling mint gum, or superb conditionitis. (A disease which makes stamps of slightly inferior quality undesirable).

But what shall we be commemorating in '67? To my way of thinking, it should be our aim to honor 100 years of truly remarkable growth & development through the combination of peaceful co-operation & mutual understanding. Canadians of to-day inherit the right to be justly proud of this unique achievement. The stamps to be issued in '67, must show this theme — that of a stable order in a fast-changing world in which we live.

However, if we wish to accomplish what we have set out to do—the time is NOW. If we act wisely in this matter, and use this "once-in-a-life-time opportunity" to the best-possible advantage —then we can show that Canada is not afraid either to lead in Philatelic excellence, or to make 1967 a memorable year philatelically.

LEON S. WARMSKI,
Montreal RPSC 7526

MORE P.O. TROUBLE

Sir:—On page 106, under the editorial heading, re stamps at a local Post Office, the following may be of interest.

Some years ago, I went to a dealer here and noticed a new issue of 3c. stamps, priced 5c., so I went to the main P.O. to ask for the stamps and was told that these had not been issued as yet. When I told the lady at the wicket that I demanded the issue, she told me to go to the wicket where the stamps are given to her.

I went there and asked for the stamps and again was told that they had not been issued, so I replied that I was offering them legal Canadian currency and unless I was given the stamps immediately, I would wire Ottawa. They then asked me if am a collector or a dealer. I replied to the clerk that it was none of his d . . . . business, that I was not going to pay 5c. for a 3c. stamp and gave him two minutes to get what I wanted. The clerk called another man to the counter who asked me what I wanted, and I finally obtained what I had asked for.

When I asked for plate blocks, I was answered "Sorry, none!", but a dealer came in just then and was handed an envelope with plate blocks from under the counter! That's our P.O.!

W. STEINER,
Vancouver RPSC 4306

SOME TWEEZERS!

Sir:—I am enclosing a page from the April issue of **MD of CANADA** in which a picture appears illustrating postal tongs used during an epidemic in Germany in the 19th century. Thought you'd like to see it and perhaps use it in a future issue of CP.

DR. EDWARD MERCANTINI,
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"EXUP-X was officially opened by Hon. Paul Comtois, Lieutenant Governor of the Province of Québec who congratulated those responsible for the presentation of the exhibition. Lieutenant-Governor's Medals were presented to Roger Mainville (Gold), J. O. Roby (Silver), Louis G. Vaillancourt (Bronze) and Bella Fodor (Bronze).

The exhibition committee consisted of the following: Louis G. Vaillancourt (president of the Union Philatélique de Montréal), Roger Mainville general commissioner of "EXUP-X"), Michel Csaky, Yvon Hurtubise, Dr. M. Saint Martin, Roger Trudeau, James Calamatas, Michel Boivert, Bella Fodor, Nick Lagios, Arthur Bernier, Mme Aline Côté, Jean Legendre, Pierre Gervais, René Marcotte, Alexandre Chrysolor, Paul Bigue and the presidents of the participating clubs.

On the Friday evening the awards were announced and the trophies and prizes that had been donated by Labatt's Brewery Ltd., were presented to the winners of the Grand Awards and the various classes. The presentations were made by D. T. Clements, chief of the United Nations Postal Administration, who was one of the speakers at the opening ceremonies, and J. H. Lemay, district manager of Labatt's.

The "Grand Prix Labatt" trophy and purse of $200 was won by J. Winfield of the Westmount Stamp Club with his exhibit of Canada and the Provinces. The second "Grand Prix Labatt" trophy and purse of $100 was awarded to E. M. Weisman of the Westmount Stamp Club for his study of the first issues of the Netherlands and the third "Grand Prix Labatt" trophy and purse of $50 went to E. R. Pleau of the Union Philatélique de Montréal for his topical display featuring Fifty Years of Scouting.

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TRADE NOTES

H. R. HARMER INC.

An 1880-lot auction held at H. R. Harmer's Galleries in New York on May 24-26 realized $91,390. bringing the Harmer Season's total to $1,426,069, with three auctions still to be held.

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One rather interesting point we culled from the REVIEW, that lots were exported to sixty-eight different countries

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The Secretary's Page

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Your Sales Department

Sales Department & Sales Circuit
Will Reopen on October 1st

The year that has just ended was especially interesting, in that the demand for Canada and Foreign kept on increasing in comparison with past years, and the decline for British Colonies showed no sign of improvement. In making plans for the coming fall, the needs of the Sales Department will be based on a continuation of the trend shown during the past season.

Canada will be needed, and that takes in all its sidelines: "19th. Cent. mint and used especially, Large Queens in fine condition at competitive prices, Squared circles and town cancellations on Small Queens were in great demand all through the year, but for these, only cancellations showing a clear indication of the place of origin are wanted. Cancellations showing only a few letters leaving doubt as to the actual place of cancellation find no takers. Plate blocks are not in great demand, and the supply on hand is more than adequate for the coming season. Officials both perforated and surcharged have been very popular this season, and I'll need books of these next October. In the 20th. Cent., Admirals both mint and used are needed, and a certain amount of common material mostly mint can be sold. This also applies to coils in singles and pairs but strips of four are not easy sellers in the Circuit. Precancels and revenues have been steadily increasing in favor during the past year and some will be needed. B.N.A. for some unknown reason has not been too popular, and common stamps of the Provinces are very poor sellers. Newfoundland has been an in and out proposition all year with no regular demand.

British colonies are the big problem and I have in stock more than a thousand books of common British material with little demand for most of it. Good old British colonies stamps will be accepted, but the usual run of mint George VI and Queen Elizabeth is not wanted. Used copies of Queen Elizabeth for most colonies are needed, except British Asia. It has been impossible to circulate books of common British colonies on a steady basis during the past year due to the duplication of material in the books.

The big increase this past season has been in the foreign department, and I have to start practically from zero next fall. 80% of the books in stock will have to be retired, either due to sales, or countries for which there is little demand. And in this respect let me say that both Central and South America are poor sellers, the great demand is for Europe with special emphasis on Germany, Switzerland, France which are the most popular, and that takes in the countries behind the iron curtain also.

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It has been a very busy year complicated for me with serious illness in the family since early in January. Hired assistance has been far from satisfactory, which has meant long hours and weeks after weeks of no rest, including Saturdays and Sundays.

Although the Sales Department officially closes on June 30th., it will be late in July before I have concluded the retiring of books and payments to owners, as I have to go through some 2500 books to select the ones to keep for next season, and return to their owners the ones that have passed their usefulness.

I will be leaving Ottawa in August and will not return before the 15th or 20th of September to get organized for next season. I would be grateful to all members who intend placing books in the Circuit next year, to hold off correspondence and sending of books until my return.

To all members, with my thanks for their kind appreciation and cooperation during the past season, may you all enjoy a pleasant summer, forget all about stamps as I will do, so as to be raring to go next fall.

—H. GAUTHIER

SECRETARY ..... from page 205

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